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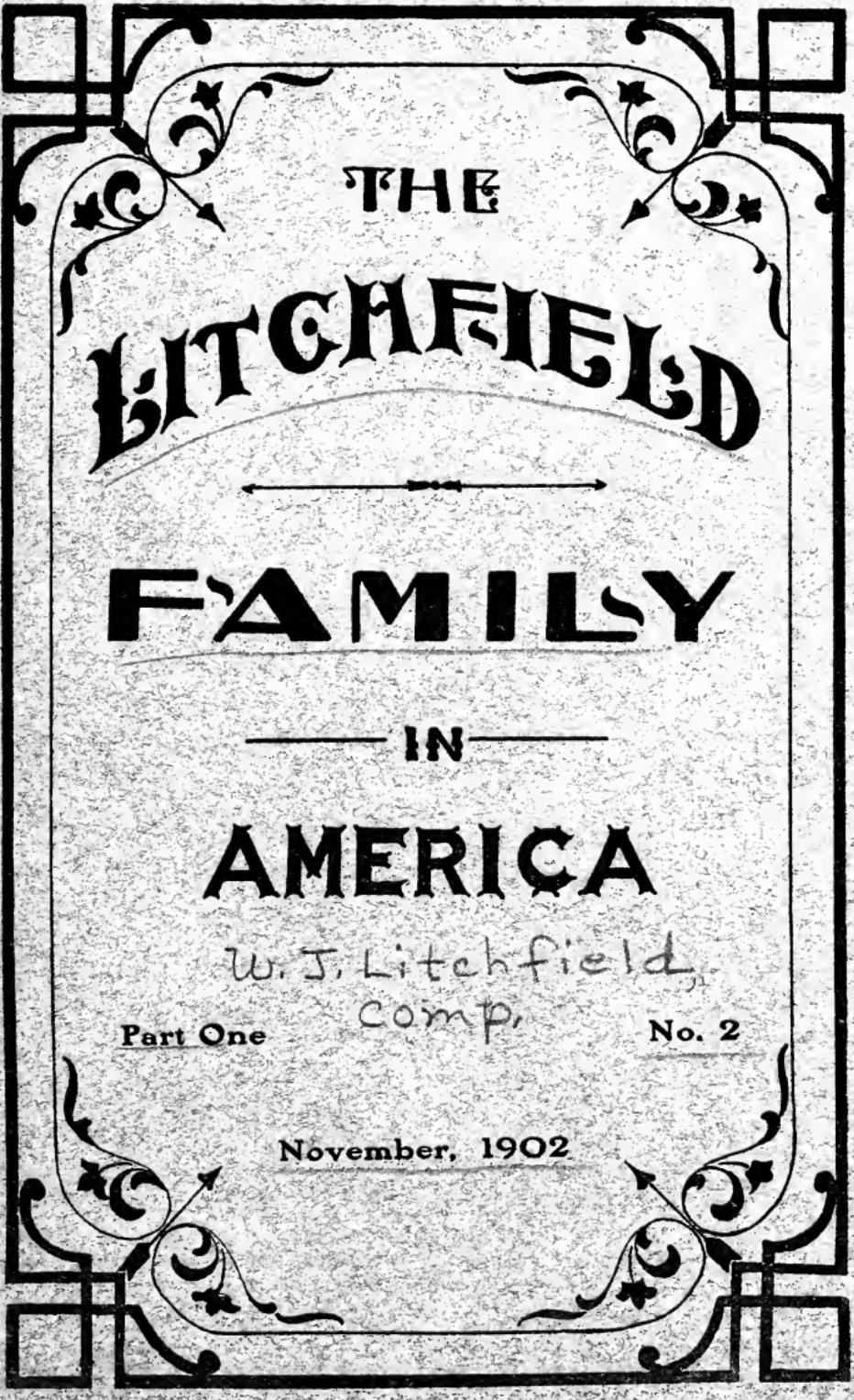
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35. ix. JOHN, b. about 1721; settled in Brooklyn, Ct.; m. Lucy Cady.
36. x. THOMAS, b. about 1723; m. Lydia Cole.
37. xi. ISRAEL, b. about 1725; settled in Brooklyn, Ct.; m. 1st, 1751, Penelope Burden of Providence, R. I.; 2nd, 1766, Phebe Holt.

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JUDITH³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate: "Judith Lechfeild the Daughter of Josiah Lechfeild was borne th 25 of Aprill 1687" (Scit. Rec.). Married at Scituate, Feb. 20, 1717-18, as is recorded in First Parish Records: "Joseph Briggs Junr* and Judith Lichfield were married 20-12-1717." He was the son of Lieut. James Briggs and Rebecca Tilden, and was born in Scituate, Apr. 29, 1679. Joseph, Jr., was thus brother of Mary (Briggs) Litchfield (page 66). Joseph died in Scituate in 1747. His will, dated May 22, 1747, probated Oct. 12, 1747, on file at Plymouth, names as legatees: Sarah, his wife (executrix); Mary Cudworth and Judith Briggs, his daughters; and Joseph Clapp, his grandson; to Judith, his daughter, one-half his real estate and one-third of his personal property. On Nov. 13, 1747, the inventory of his estate, taken by Thomas Clapp, Benjamin Briggs and Nicholas³ Litchfield, amounted to £14,471: 16s: 6d. This shows him to have been a very wealthy man for those days. On Aug. 5, 1751, a portion of the real estate was divided into three parts, for the benefit of Judith, wife of William Collier; Mary, wife of John Cudworth, and Joseph Clapp, Jr., only son of Hannah (Briggs) Clapp, deceased. Again, on Feb. 9, 1756, the land at Valley Swamp, in Scituate, was divided for the benefit of the heirs of John

* This was the *second* marriage of Joseph Briggs, Jr. His *first* wife was Mary Garrett, bapt. "17-4-1711" (First Parish Rec.), dau. Joseph and Ruth (Buck) Garrett, to whom he was married, Feb. 2, 1709-10, by whom he had two daus., viz., Mary, b. Oct. 9, 1711, m. John Cudworth, Jr., Jan. 13, 1731-32; Hannah, b. Feb. 8, 1714-15, m. Dea. Joseph Clapp (first wife), Dec. 21, 1732. Mary (Garrett) Briggs died in Scituate, Feb. 8, 1714-15. His *third* wife was the widow Sarah Morey (see Family No. 28), to whom Joseph was married, in Scituate, Jan. 14, 1730, and who survived him. He was called "Jr.," in order to distinguish him from his first cousin, Joseph Briggs (b. Feb. 19, 1678-9), son of "Captain" Cornelius Briggs (ensign in King Philip's war). For an account of the Briggs family, see foot-note, page 66.

Briggs; the heirs of Joseph Briggs; John Barnes, Jr., and Cornelius Barnes, assignees of Judith Collier; Mary Cudworth, and Joseph Clapp, Jr. Joseph Briggs witnessed Ichabod Damon's will (p. 65), also Josiah³ Litchfield's will (p. 71).

Judith³ is called "Judah," in the distribution of her father's estate (see page 56). On Mch. 22, 1711-12, by deed, Judith,³ and Ichabod Damon (Family No. 7) and wife, for £174: 10s., conveyed to Josiah³ Litchfield (Family No. 8), all their interest in the estate of Josiah² Litchfield (see page 56). She died between 1725 and 1730. Named for her grandmother, Judith (wife of Lawrence¹ Litchfield), who died in 1685.

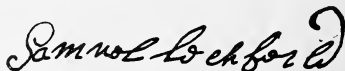
Child of Joseph and Judith³ (Litchfield) Briggs:

38. i. JUDITH⁴ Briggs, b. Scituate, May 20, 1725; m. William Collier.

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SAMUEL³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate, Feb. 4, 1690-1: "Samuel Lechfeild the Son of Josiah Lechfeild was borne th 4 of Febury 1690." (Scit. Rec.)

[Autograph reproduced
from a deed.]



Scituate Town Records have several references to Samuel.³ In 1719, the ear-mark for his cattle, etc., was "a Swallow Tale Cut out of y^e Right ear." He owned several horses which are described on pages 48 and 49. At town meeting, Mch. 13, 1721, John Dwelly and Samuel³ Litchfield were elected "for to prosecute y^e Law relating to horses." On Mch. 23, 1723-4, he received one share in the "Common Land" (see page 47). At town meeting, Feb. 26, 1733-4, he was elected one of the surveyors of highways, and again on Mch. 29, 1738. On June 20, 1737, he became a constable, as did Ambrose Cole, Jr., and Ephraim Otis. Again on Mch. 26, 1739, he was elected surveyor. In 1754, Samuel³ was allowed 2s., "being y^e foot of his acc^o" against the town. He was a shoemaker.



An old and a modern view of the William Collier house, North Scituate Beach.
(See Family No. 38.)

In 1726, Samuel³ Litchfield was a witness to the will of Gershom Ewell, probated* Mch. 6, 1726-7; he was also an appraiser of Ewell's estate. In the Clerk's Records† of the First Parish, Scituate, are the following references to Samuel³ Litchfield:

Mch. 30, 1742: Mr Sam^{ll} Litchfield on a committee to consider and report regarding a new parsonage.

Jan. 3, 1742-3: This committee reported and it was voted to raise money for a new parsonage. (See Deane, p. 34.)

Mch. 12, 1754: Mr Samuel Letchfield, Col. Thos. Clap, Mr. Joseph Tilden, Mr. Timothy White and Capt. David Clapp were on a committee on parsonage matters.

Sept. 1, 1760: Mr. Samuel Lichfield, Thomas Clapp, Esq., Mr. Ensign Otis, Capt. David Clapp, Dea. Jonathan Merritt, Mr. Joseph Bailey and David Little, Esq., served on a committee to hear proposals from Rev. Shearjashub Bourn for supplying the pulpit during the poor condition of his health.

EXTRACTS FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.‡

Feb. 13, 1716-7: Samuel Lechfield, "cordwainer," mortgage deed for £45, to Commissioners of Plymouth, on 18½ acres of Conihasset land with buildings thereon. The abutters were: Thomas Soper, Thomas Colman, John Sutton, John Merritt and Thomas Jenkins. The interest was paid annually until May 3, 1727, when the mortgage was discharged.

Feb. 19, 1721-2: Samuel Lechfield, "cordwainer," for £25, to Peter Collamore of Scituate, one fourth of the fifty acre lot in Scituate abutting on "Shear Line," which Samuel had received from his mother (see page 52). Deed signed also by Abigail, his wife. Witnesses: John Cushing and Henry Merritt, Jr. Rec. April 25, 1722.

Mch. 1, 1721-2: Timothy White, "husbandman," and wife Rebekah, of Scituate, for £28, 3 A. 96 rds. Conihasset land, to Samuel Litchfield, "cordwainer." Rec. Apr. 12, 1769.

June 8, 1741: David Little, Jr., "labourer," Scituate, for £60, one half a lot of land bought by grantor of his father, to Samuel Litchfield.

Jan. 25, 1749-50: Thomas Jenkins of Scituate, for £12: 10s., one fourth acre of land situated near grantee's, to Samuel Litchfield.

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. v: pp. 283-5.

† See also account of Josiah³ Litchfield, p. 68.

‡ Plymouth Deeds, vol. xiii: p. 19; vol. xvi: p. 37; vol. liv: pp. 234, 235; vol. lii: p. 260.

Samuel³ was a Conihasset partner. In 1726, 5 A. were laid out to him, as lot No. 161; in 1732, he received 2½ A., as lot No. 137. (Conihasset Rec.)

From old leather-covered book at Scituate town clerk's (Apr. 1902):—

June the 5th: 1745. Then Laid out to to [*sic*] Sam^l. Lichfield 45 Rods of of [*sic*] Land in the third Division of Scituate Comon being Part of the 137th: Lot & Lies on the South End of said Lichfield's Lot near James Cole's (?) and begins at a Corner of Joshua Newal's Land by the high Way then runs west to 10 Rods with said Lichfield's Land then South nine Rods with a Lot that was Laid out to Joseph Bailey then by said Way to the first Corner.—

CALEB TORREY }
NICHOLAS LICHFIELD } Surveyrs.

Samuel³ Litchfield was married *twice*. *First*, in Scituate, Mch. 25, 1712-13, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, to Abigail Buck (or Bucke), born in Scituate, Aug. 7, 1685, bapt. "27-3-1711" (First Parish Rec.), daughter of Isaac* and Eunice (Turner) Buck.

* Isaac Buck (Bucke), called "Jr.," was the son of Lieut. Isaac Buck and his wife, Frances Marsh. Lieut. Isaac came to Scituate before 1647, and perhaps was a son of James Buck of Hingham. He was a blacksmith by trade. He served his adopted town as town clerk for several years, and also in King Philip's war, where he fought bravely. He was a brother of Cornet John Buck, and died in 1695. His children were: Thomas, James, Joseph, Jonathan, Benjamin, Elizabeth (m. Robert Whitcomb), Mehitabel (m. Stephen Chittenden), Ruth (m. Joseph Garrett), Deborah (m. Henry Merritt), John, and Isaac (m. Eunice Turner). (See Deane's Scituate, pp. 229, 230). Frances Marsh was dau. John Marsh of Charlestown, 1638. (See Savage, vol. iii: p. 154; Harvey's *Buck Family*, 1889; Charlestown Estates and Genealogies.)

Isaac Buck, Jr., married in Scituate, Oct. 24, 1684, Eunice Turner (see below). They had three children, viz.: Abigail (above), b. Aug. 7, 1685; Margaret, b. Aug. 7, 1687; Isaac, b. Apr. 8, 1689 (Scit. Rec.). Isaac, Jr., died Mch. 19, 1688-9 (Scit. Rec.). Ancestor of compiler.

Eunice Turner was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Hyland) Turner, who were married Jan. 6, 1652 (Scit. Rec.). Eunice was born in Scituate, Apr. 10, 1662. Her grandfather was Humphrey Turner of Essex County, England, who came to America (name of ship unknown) and settled first in Plymouth in 1628, and in 1636 in Scituate, where he died in 1673, and is buried with many of his descendants in the old First Parish burying-ground, on which spot is erected an imposing monument to their memory. Sarah Hyland was the daughter of Thomas Hyland (also Hiland, sometimes *Highland*), a native of Tenterden, Co. Kent, England, freeman in Scituate, 1638, and his wife Elizabeth. (See Deane, p. 290.) Ancestors of compiler. Among those who are working upon the records of the Turner family are Miss Ella Bates, North Scituate, Mass., and Alfred R. Turner, Malden, Mass.

He married *second*, in Scituate, Mch. 6, 1734-5 (int. Feb. 15, 1734-5), a *widow*, Fear Turner,* but there were no children.

The dates of death of neither Samuel³ nor his wives have been found. From a study of deeds (which see) of his son Samuel,⁴ it is thought that Samuel³ was living as late as 1767, and probably until 1768.

Of the children of Samuel³ Litchfield, only the births of Samuel,⁴ Abigail, Sarah and Nathaniel are found recorded at Scituate. The remaining birth dates in the list of children are stated on the authority of Deane's Scituate and Morse's Litchfield Genealogy. They were probably all born in Scituate.

Children of Samuel³ and Abigail (Buck) Litchfield :

39. i. SAMUEL,⁴ b. Scituate, Oct. 11, 1715; m. Priscilla Vinal.
40. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Scituate, Feb. 23, 1716-17; m. James Cudworth, Jr.
41. iii. SARAH, b. Scituate, June 5, 1718; m. James Nash.
42. iv. JUDITH, b. 1720; m. Daniel Damon.
43. v. HANNAH, b. 1721; m. Benjamin Studley.
44. vi. EXPERIENCE, b. 1723; m. Rhoda Studley.
45. vii. DEBORAH, b. 1725; m. Obadiah Merritt.
46. viii. NATHANIEL, b. Scituate, Dec. 5, 1727; m. Priscilla Nash.
47. ix. REMEMBER, b. 1728; m. Solomon Briggs.
48. x. RUTH, b. 1730; m. Samuel Stodder (Stoddard).

* Fear Turner's maiden name has not been found by the compiler. She was, very probably, the widow of Nathan Turner, Jr., who died in Scituate in 1724. There is no record of the settlement of his estate at Plymouth. On Oct. 25, 1712 (Rec. Dec. 17), Nathan Turner and Thomas Turner, Jr. (son of Nathan Turner, late of Scituate, deceased), both of Scituate, made a division deed of a farm of 94 A. of land in Middleboro', and also other land and cedar swamp in Middleboro', purchased by said Thomas and Nathan of Samuel and Mehitable Richmond of Taunton. No wives mentioned. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. ix : p. 380.) Thomas and Nathan were brothers, sons of Nathan, Sr. (*Thomas,² Humphrey¹*) Turner and Oseth (Oseah) Wing. (See Gen. Adv., vol. iii : p. 112.) On Nov. 2, 1713 (Rec. Dec. 15), Nathan sold his part of above Middleboro' property, for £95, to Hatherly Foster of Scituate. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. x : p. 409.) These are the only deeds of a Nathan Turner, at Plymouth, 1685-1800. Nathan Turner, Jr., b. 1689, was first cousin of Abigail Buck, first wife of Samuel³ Litchfield.

On the records of the Second Parish, Scituate, are found the following entries concerning Nathan and Fear Turner and family : "Adult: Fear Turner wife of Nathan Turner was baptized July 14th 1723." "Nathan Turner, son of Nathan & Fear Turner, was baptized July 14th 1723." "Samuel & Mary Turner, Children of Nathan & Fear Turner, were bap^d: July 19 1724." "Simeon Turner Son of *Nathan Turner Jr Deceased*: was baptized Nov: 29, 1724." "Fear Turner Nathan Turners widow — admitted to full comunion with this Ch^b September 4th 1726."

FOURTH GENERATION.

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MARY⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing (Cowen) and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Dec. 28, 1691, and died Feb. 10, 1724-5. Married in Scituate, Feb. 5, 1711-12, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, to Benjamin Peirce, Jr.,* born Mch. 11, 1683-4, died Oct. 15, 1772, eldest son of Capt. Benjamin and Martha (Adams) Peirce (both buried in Groveland Cemetery, Scituate), and grandson of Capt. Michael Pierce (Peirce).† "Captain." Residence, Scituate. Buried in Groveland Cemetery, Scituate.

Capt. Pierce, Jr., married *second*, July 23, 1718 (Scit. Second Parish Rec.), "Mrs." Elizabeth Perry. His will, proved Dec. 27, 1772, mentions his children, viz.: Martha Fobes (Forbes), Mary Keith, and Benjamin Peirce, but he was survived by Martha only. Treasurer of First Parish, Scituate (see page 88).

On Sept. 30, 1772, by an unrecorded deed,‡ Capt. Benjamin, for £20, gave his grandsons, Hayward⁶ and Caleb⁶ Peirce, all his personal estate in Scituate, including one mare, household furniture and other moveables, *except* "one Pare of gold Sleve Buttons which Buttons I have given to my grand Son Benjamin

* A brother of Jeremiah Peirce, Family No. 30. By deed, and confirmed by will, 1730, Benjamin, Jr., received from his father the homestead on which he dwelt, also ten acres of "meeting-house" land. (Plym. Prob. Rec.)

† Capt. Michael Pierce was an owner of Conihasset lands as early as 1647; he was a resident of Hingham between 1645 and 1666. A few years after the death of his first wife, whose name was prob. — Ames, (daughter of Anthony Ames or Eames, of Hingham, 1636), who died in Hingham, Dec. 31, 1662, he removed to Scituate. His residence stood until about 1834 across the road, opposite the summer residence of the late Silas⁸ Peirce, between North Scituate and Egypt, and this had been occupied by six generations of the Peirce family. He fought with great bravery in King Philip's war, 1675-6, and was killed in the Rehoboth fight, Mch. 25, 1676. (Deane's Scituate, pp. 121-124.) His will, dated Jan. 15, 1675-6, was proved June 5, 1676, and is recorded at Plymouth Probate. See Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: pp. 108-9, for names of children; also, see pp. 24, 30, 37, foot-notes, of this Genealogy.

Authorities (on Family No. 12): Pierce Genealogy (F. C. Pierce, 1889); Deane's Scituate; Scituate town and church records; Bailey Genealogy (1889); Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass.; Bridgewater vital records; Miss Annie F. Peirce, North Scituate, Mass.; Boston Even'g Transcript, Aug. 13, 1902, answer No. 5167, by J. B. P.

‡ This deed is in the possession of Miss Annie F. Peirce, North Scituate, Mass.

Peirce Jun^r of Chesterfield." The witnesses to this deed were Barnabas Little and Joseph Bailey. See deed, Family No. 30.

There is in the possession of Miss Annie F. Peirce, a family memorandum of 16 pages, 3 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in size, of discolored paper, on which is written the following record, in fadeless ink. Only four pages are written upon; the others are blank.

1st page. Mary Peirce Har Book March: the: 28: 1718 hear folloeth har maridg Day and bearth of har Childrin and the time when har father Cowing decesed

Benjamin Peirce

3d page. Har maridg Day was The: 5: of February: 1711 — Har Dafter Martha was Born the: 5: of January in the year - - - 1712:

Har Dafter Mary was Born February the: 4: 1717

Har Father: B: Sargant Israel Cowing Decesed January the: 15: in the year: 1717

5th page. Benjamin peirce born the 12 of december 1721

7th page. Benjamin Peirce Juner was marryed February the: 5: 1711

his Daughter Martha was born January the 5 1712

His Daughter Mary was born February the: 4: 1717

Children* of Benjamin, Jr., and Mary⁴ (Cowing) Peirce:

i. MARTHA⁵ Peirce, b. Jan. 5, 1712-13; d. Jan. 31, 1795; will dated June 17, 1793; m. Oct. 19, 1738, John⁴ Fobes or Forbes (*John,³ Edward,² John¹*) of Bridgewater, who d. Jan. 10, 1783, in 69th year. Three ch., b. 1739-1743. Burials of this family at Bridgewater, Scotland graveyard. See Latham's "Epitaphs of Old Bridgewater."

ii. MARY⁵ Peirce, b. Feb. 4, 1717-18; d. Aug. 9, 1758; m. 1741, Ebenezer Keith, son of Samuel and Bethiah (Fobes) Keith, and grandson of Rev. James Keith of Bridgewater. Nine ch., b. 1743-1757. He m. 2nd, Hephzibah (Perkins) Carver, widow of Lieut. Eleazer Carver, and had several ch. Hephzibah d. Apr. 12, 1800, in 81st year. Ebenezer d. of smallpox, Apr. 12, 1778, in 62nd year. Burials at Bridgewater.

* See will of Hannah Cowing, page 62.

- iii. BENJAMIN⁵ *Peirce*, Jr., b. Dec. 12, 1721; d. July 2, 1768; resided in Scituate, where he and his wife, Charity, are buried in Groveland cemetery. He m. 1st, Nov. 3, 1743 (intentions, Feb. 10, 1742-3), Charity Howard, dau. Jonathan and Sarah (Field) Howard of Bridgewater. Charity d. Feb. 25, 1748-9, aet. 27 years. Their children:

1. *Luther*⁶ *Peirce*, b. Oct. 6, 1745, d. Feb. 28, 1745-6.

2. *Benjamin*⁶ *Peirce*, Jr., b. Mch. 1, 1746-7; d. May 4, 1809; resided in Scituate and Chesterfield; m. Mch. 23, 1769 (Scit. Rec.), Mrs. Priscilla (*Merritt*) *Wade*. Ten ch., and a large number of descendants in the West. (See Michael Pierce Genealogy, p. 60.)

3. *Jonathan*⁶ *Peirce*, b. Feb. 18, 1748-9; m. *Mary*⁵ *Litchfield*. (See Family No. 34.)

*Benjamin*⁵ *Peirce* m. 2nd, Aug. 7, 1750 (intentions May 12, 1750), Jane *Hayward*, dau. Thomas and Bethiah (Waldo) *Hayward*. Jane d. Feb. 28, 1777. Their children:

4. *Hayward*⁶ *Peirce*, b. June 22, 1753, d. Oct. 18, 1826; m. June 2, 1777, Judith *Bailey*, b. Apr. 19, 1757, d. Apr. 19, 1836. Resident of Scituate; captain and representative; served in Revolution. His sons* were: *Hayward*⁷ of New Orleans, *Waldo*⁷ and *Bailey*⁷ of Frankfort, Me., *Silas*⁷ of Boston, and *Elijah*⁷ who lived on the paternal estate in Scituate. The first wife of *Elijah*⁷ was Rebecca Bailey, d. Aug. 7, 1819, aet. 30; his second wife was Lucy Peakes (Nash) *Litchfield*, widow of *Foster*⁷ *Litchfield* (*Lawrence*⁶, *James*⁵, *Nicholas*⁴, *Nicholas*³, *Josiah*², *Lawrence*¹), to whom he was married Oct. 16, 1825. One of the sons of *Elijah*⁷ was *Silas*⁸, b. 1826, d. 1898, of Boston, donor of the Peirce Memorial Library building at North Scituate. Another son is *Elijah Foster*⁸, b. 1827, resident of North Scituate, who married Sarah Ann Perry, dau. Calvin Perry and *Mercy*⁶ *Litchfield* (*Roland*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Nicholas*³, *Josiah*², *Lawrence*¹), q. v., and has one dau., *Annie Foster*⁹ *Peirce*, North Scituate.

* Waldo Peirce, b. Feb. 21, 1778; Hayward Peirce, b. Mch. 25, 1782; Bailey Peirce, b. Aug. 29, 1787; Elijah Peirce, b. July 30, 1789; Silas Peirce, b. Feb. 15, 1793. [From family records.] See Michael Pierce Genealogy, p. 63, etc.

The daughters of Hayward⁶ *Peirce* were: *Jane*,⁷ b. Dec. 14, 1780, m. Nathaniel *Cushing*, Scituate; *Rebecca*⁷ ("Beckey"), b. Apr. 3, 1785, m. William *Lincoln*, Cohasset; and *Betsey*,⁷ b. Nov. 25, 1795, m. Walter *Foster*, Scituate. Consult Michael Pierce Gen.

5. *Caleb*⁶ *Peirce*, b. Aug. 7, 1755; d. Mch. 22, 1782; m. Oct. 15, 1778, Abigail *Bailey* (sister of Judith, wife of *Hayward*⁶), dau. Amasa and Elizabeth (Bourn) *Bailey*. Resided in Scituate. Abigail, his widow, was admnx. on his estate in 1783 (Plym. Prob. Rec.). One son, *Caleb*,⁷ Jr., who was married, had no ch., and was connected with the Charlestown Navy Yard; lived in Charlestown; housewright.

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HANNAH⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing (Cowen) and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate, Aug. 21, 1694. Married in Scituate, Jan. 6, 1712-13, Henry⁴ Merritt, Jr., born Jan. 1, 1689-90, son of Henry³* and Deborah (Buck) Merritt of Scituate.

* Henry³ Merritt was the son of John² and Elizabeth (Wyborn) Merritt, and grandson of Henry¹ Merritt, founder of the New England family.

Henry¹ Merritt emigrated from England to America not many years after the Pilgrims came. He is supposed to have belonged in Tenterden, Co. Kent, England. It is claimed that the name of Merritt (in an ancient form) is found as early as 1070, in Somerset County, and about 1420, in London. Dr. Christopher Merritt, a member of the Royal Academy, and one of the correspondents of Governor William Bradford, belonged to this London family. Perhaps Henry¹ Merritt was a relative of this distinguished gentleman, and through his suggestion or influence, left his native land to gain fame and wealth in the New World, but at least he became the progenitor of a very large and sturdy race of descendants.

He came to Plymouth, and about 1626, with a few others (see footnote, p. 3), decided to make a new settlement about twenty miles northerly from Plymouth, and fixed upon a place, which they named Scituate. He had purchased land here of Thomas ("Goodman") Byrd, which he sold, Apr. 10, 1628, to Nathaniel Tilden. This deed, which is recorded at Plymouth, speaks of the grantor as "Henry Merritt of Scituate in America, Planter." It is the earliest mention of the name Scituate, which is derived from Satuit ("cold") brook, which runs through the town. "Henry Merritt" signed with an "H."

In Scituate, Henry¹ Merritt owned a house and lot at the corner of Greenfield Lane and the "driftway," which in 1831, and since, has been known as "Merritt's corner." He owned a large share in the New Harbor marshes; a Conihasset partner in 1646, when he bought 1/30 of Timothy Hatherly's lands; freeman, 1638; constable, 1642; surveyor, 1643-4; owned land next to Joseph Tilden, 1649; commissioner of excise, 1650. He was called "Sr." Died in Nov., 1652; inventory, Jan. 24, 1653; amount, £121: 16s.: 3d. This inventory named things which were jointly purchased by him and his brother, John Merritt, which re-

Henry⁴ Merritt, Jr., probably died in Scituate, in 1771, as on May 13, 1771, David Nash, his son-in-law, was appointed administrator of his estate, which was rendered insolvent. (Plym. Probate Rec.) The administrator's sureties were Thomas Jen-

maintained undivided. (Plym. Probate Rec.). Nothing is known of this brother John. The wife of Henry,¹ whose name is unknown, joined the church in 1637.

Children of Henry¹ Merritt: (1.) Henry,² d. 1667; m. Judith —; had three children, viz.: *John*,³ *Anne*,³ and *another*; was able to bear arms in Scituate in 1643; freeman, Boston, 1657; creditor of estate of Mehalaed Munnings of Dorchester, 1659 (early wills of Boston); made his will, Feb. 9, 1662, leaving his property to wife, to eldest son, *John*,³ and to two other children, not named, and to grandson, *Samuel Hett*. (2.) Katherine,² m. John Damon (see footnote, p. 63). (3.) John,² m. Apr. 3, 1655, Elizabeth, dau. Thomas and Elizabeth Wyborn of Boston, who d. Oct., 1656, leaving property to his dau. and her infant dau. Deborah³. John² was able to bear arms in Scituate, 1643; administrator of will of Henry¹ Merritt, June 6, 1654; constable, 1660; on jury, Oct. 29, 1673; land assigned to him, 1673; homestead was that of his father or near it; inquest on his body, Mch. 6, 1676, as he was killed by falling from the works on the rocks, Mch. 1, 1676-7; on June 7, 1677, the Court ordered that his widow, Elizabeth, should have the improvements of the estate until the children became of age. (Plym. Prob. Rec.)

Seven children of John² and Elizabeth (Wyborn) Merritt: (1.) Ichabod,³ b. Mch. 1655 (?); nothing further known. (2.) Deborah,³ b. before Sept. 12, 1656, d. before 1677. (3.) John,³ b. Feb. 17, 1661-2; d. June 5, 1740; m. Elizabeth Hyland, b. 1665, d. Apr. 13, 1746, aged 82, dau. Thomas and Elizabeth (Stockbridge) Hyland; was part proprietor of Conihasset, May 20, 1686; both buried in Scituate First Parish graveyard. Their children, viz.: *John*,⁴ b. Aug. 1687; *Thomas*,⁴ b. Sept. 1688; *Deborah*,⁴ b. Dec. 1689; *Elizabeth*,⁴ b. Feb. 1691-2; *Mary*,⁴ b. Nov. 1692; *Ruth*,⁴ b. May, 1694; *Ichabod*,⁴ b. Oct. 1695; *Hannah*,⁴ b. Feb. 1696-7; *Henry*,⁴ b. May, 1699; *Abigail*,⁴ b. Nov. 1700; *Jonathan*,⁴ b. May, 1702, d. Oct. 21, 1758; *David*,⁴ b. Oct. 1703; *Ebenezer*,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1705, and *Ezekiel*,⁴ b. Mch. 22, 1709-10. (4.) Henry,³ b. 1663-4 (see below). (5.) Jonathan,³ b. July, 1665; had lands granted to him in 1699; was prob. living in 1727; no trace of a family. (6.) Mary,³ b. Feb. (?) 1668; m. 1683, Benjamin Studley, b. 1661, and had 9 or 10 children (Scit. Rec.). Ancestors of compiler. (7.) Elizabeth,³ b. July, 1671; nothing further known of her.

Henry³ Merritt (*John*,² *Henry*¹), b. Jan. 1663-4, m. 1686, Deborah Buck, dau. Lient. Isaac Buck (see footnote, p. 100). Henry³ left no will, and his son, Jonathan,⁴ was appointed administrator, Feb. 2, 1732-3. In the settlement, Apr. 10, 1734, of the estate, wife Deborah and all the children except *Deborah*⁴ are named. Seven children of Henry³ Merritt and Deborah Buck (Scit. Rec.): (1.) *Jonathan*,⁴ b. Feb. 7, 1687-8; m. Elizabeth Whiton, 1710; five children, among whom was Obadiah,⁵ b. 1723, who m. 1746, *Deborah*⁴ Litchfield (see Family No. 45). (2.) *Henry*,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1689-90; m. *Hannah Cowing* (Family No. 13, above). (3.) *James*,⁴ b. Nov. 14, 1691; m. Ruth Wade, and had three children. (4.) *Deborah*,⁴ b. Mch. 2, 1694-5; prob. d. early; not mentioned in 1734. (5.) *Leah*,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1697-8; m. 1719, Benjamin Briggs (see footnote, p. 66); had five children (see Family No. 23). (6.) *Rachel*,⁴ b. Apr. 29, 1699; m. Eleazer Peakes, 1718; had four children (see appendix). (7.) *Isaac*,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1702; m. 1724, Jerusha Hayden, from Braintree; eight children, of whom the youngest three were b. in Charlton, to which place this family removed about 1736; some descendants live in Southbridge.

Authorities on Merritt family: Scituate Town and Church Rec.; Deane's Scituate; Plymouth Probate Rec.; Douglas Merritt, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Mrs. R. W. Micou, Alexandria, Va.; Miss Ella Bates, North Scituate. The compiler is working on a genealogy of the Henry¹ Merritt family, and invites coöperation.

kins and Israel Damon. No heirs are mentioned. One of the items of administration is the receipt of £4, due the estate from Jonathan Merritt (probably brother of Henry, Jr.). The last item is: "Paid to *Capt.* Merritt's widow, 26 lbs."*

"Hannah Merrit wife of Henry Merit Jun^r adult, was Baptized 1-6-1714" (Scit. First Parish Rec.).

Children of Henry, Jr., and Hannah⁴ (Cowing) Merritt, all recorded at Scituate (baptisms on First Church Rec.):

- i. HANNAH⁵ *Merritt*, b. Oct. 21, 1713; bapt. Aug. 1, 1714; m. in Scituate, May 18, 1738 (int. Apr. 22), Jonathan Cudworth, b. Oct. 4, 1710, bapt. June 10, 1711, son of Nathaniel (*Jonathan*,² *Gen. James*¹) and Sarah (Joy) Cudworth of Scituate. Hannah was admnx. on husband's estate, Nov. 28, 1763. Their ch. (baptisms on First Parish Rec.): *Hannah*,⁶ Apr. 26, 1745; *Marcy*,⁶ Apr. 1746; *Deborah*,⁶ May 1, 1748; *Henry*,⁶ Feb. 28, 1749; *Jonathan*,⁶ Jr., Sept. 21, 1750. Compare Family No. 40. See deeds, pp. 74, 76.
- ii. HENRY *Merritt*, b. Nov. 13, 1715; bapt. Aug. 12, 1716; d. Feb. 9, 1717-18.
- iii. MARY *Merritt*, b. Oct. 18, 1717; bapt. Aug. 3, 1718; m. in Scituate, Mch. 18, 1743-4, Jonathan Fish.† Noah Otis was admr. on his estate, June 16, 1792 (Plym. Prob. Rec.). Their ch. (Scituate Town and First Parish Rec.): *Jonathan*,⁶ Jr., b. Dec. 18, 1744, bapt. Sept. 3, 1749; *Mary*,⁶ b. Dec. 25, 1747, bapt. Nov. 6, 1748, d. young; *Nathaniel*,⁶ b. Sept. 13, 1749, bapt. Oct. 15, 1752, d. 1831; *Mary*,⁶ bapt. Oct. 15, 1752; *Stephen*,⁶ bapt. May 3, 1754. See Duxbury Rec. *Perhaps* there was a son, *Charles*.⁶‡

* This term "Capt." may have been applied to Henry⁴ Merritt familiarly, or he may have been at the head of a local company of militia.

† Deane's Scituate, p. 268, says that Jonathan Fish was the first of the name in Scituate, came from Sandwich, and lived near the "training field." The name of Fish is common on the records of Falmouth and he may have come from there. Perhaps his father's name was Nathaniel. A Nathaniel Fish was one of the witnesses to the bond of admn. on estate of Jonathan, in 1792. This was prob. son of Jonathan. Jonathan owned covenant and was bapt. Sept. 3, 1749, and his wife owned covenant, Nov. 6, 1748 (First Parish Rec.). Nathaniel and Stephen Fish served in the Revolution, but Jonathan and Jonathan, Jr., were charged with being Tories (see Deane, p. 137).

‡ Charles Fish m., Scit., Oct. 18, 1789, Zebia Curtis (First Parish Rec.), and had a dau. Charlotte, b. June 3, 1791. He served in the Revolution (see Mass. State Archives).

- iv. *PENELOPE Merritt*, b. Mch. 1, 1718-19; bapt. July 19, 1719; m. in Scituate, Nov. 20, 1740, David Nash, b. May 11, 1712, son of Joseph and Hannah (Curtis) Nash. No record in Plymouth Probate. Their ch.: *Penelope*,⁶ bapt. Sept. 22, 1745; *Miriam*,⁶ bapt. Sept. 7, 1746, m. 1765, Caleb Nichols,* son of Israel, and had ch.; and *David*,⁶ Jr., bapt. Feb. 11, 1753. (First Parish Rec.). Penelope Nash, wife of David, was adm. to communion, June 6, 1756.
- v. *DEBORAH Merritt*, twin, b. May 3, 1721; d. Mch. 28, 1731. Deborah and Sarah, twins, were bapt. July 30, 1721.
- vi. *SARAH Merritt*, twin, b. May 3, 1721; d. Mch. 3, 1721-22.
- vii. *SARAH Merritt*, b. Feb. 21, 1724-25; "baptised att y^e house of Deacon Benj^a Pierce: it being very weakly & Sickly, 21-5-1725." Probably d. young.
- viii. *MARTHA Merritt*, b. Mch. 18, 1726-27; bapt. Oct. 1, 1727; m. in Scituate, May 1, 1755 (int. Dec. 14, 1754), Ezekiel Peirce.† Their ch. (First Parish Rec.): *Augustus*,⁶ and *Lydia*,⁶ bapt. May 29, 1757; *Roland*,⁶ bapt. May 13, 1759; *Ezekiel*,⁶ Jr., bapt. Sept. 18, 1763; and *Solon*,⁶ bapt. June 8, 1766. Martha, wife of Ezekiel, owned covenant, May 29, 1757.
- ix. *HENRY Merritt*, b. Aug. 19, 1728; bapt. May 25, 1729; d. Oct. 27, 1730.
- x. *RUTH Merritt*, b. Mch. 18, 1729-30; bapt. Nov. 8, 1730; d. May 16, 1731.

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ELIZABETH⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Mar. 13,

* Miss Ella Bates, No. Scituate, has in her possession an old account book of Caleb Nichols, which is quite interesting. It has a large number of names of Scituate people. It will be referred to again.

† The parentage of Ezekiel Peirce is uncertain. He was, probably, the son of Thomas and Mary (Booth) Peirce, who was born Nov. 13, 1718. The Michael Pierce Genealogy, pp. 52, 67, has, almost without a doubt, confused matters by making two Ezekiels as heads of families, instead of one, and that one — Ezekiel, son of Thomas. The children given on p. 67 of that Genealogy correspond to the list of baptisms given above. It is possible and perhaps likely, however, that Ezekiel, son of Thomas, was married before his marriage to Martha Merritt, and had a son, Joseph, as given on p. 52 of the Genealogy. On p. 67, Roland is spelled "Rollin." One is referred to this Genealogy for further information. This family probably removed to Westmoreland, N. H., according to a deed in possession of Miss Annie F. Peirce, Egypt.

1697-8. Baptized, "30-6-1713." (First Parish Rec.) Died, Apr. 12, 1778. Married in Scituate, Apr. 11, 1724,* to John⁵ Bailey, born May 23, 1703, died Sept. 28, 1778, son of John⁴† and Abigail (Clapp) Bailey. Residence, Hanover, Mass. John⁵ Bailey was a man of business and considerable enterprise. See deed, Nicholas³ Litchfield to John "Baily," page 81.

Children of John and Elizabeth⁴ (Cowing) Bailey :

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ Bailey (called "Jr.," in 1748), b. Aug. 15 (or 17), 1727; m. Dec. 22, 1748, Dr. Jeremiah Hall,‡ of Pembroke, earlier of Hanover and Keene, N. H.,

* This is the date from the Scituate town book. Mrs. Avery (see p. 110) gives two dates, viz., April 15, 1724, and April 11, 1723. The latter date is that given by Barry's Hist. Hanover, p. 200, and by the George P. Bailey manuscript account of the Bailey family in N. E. Hist. Gen. Society's library, 18 Somerset St., Boston.

† John⁴ Bailey was a descendant in the fourth generation of Thomas¹ Bailey, of Boston in 1643, and later of Weymouth, whose son, John,² removed from Weymouth and settled in Scituate, and had a wife, Hannah. John² and Hannah Bailey had a son, John,³ who married 1st, Jan. 25, 1672, Sarah White (perhaps of Weymouth and daughter of Gowin White and Elizabeth Ward, says Deane, pp. 213, 383); 2nd, 1699, Ruth Clothier. John³ had appeared in Scituate as tenant of Capt. John Williams, on Farm Neck, before 1670, and had received the gift of a farm from Capt. Williams. (Deane, pp. 385-6.) He died in 1718 and left a will.

Children of John³ Bailey (probably all by first wife): John,⁴ b. Nov. 5, 1673, m. Abigail Clapp (see account below); Sarah, b. Oct. 1675; Mary, b. Dec. 1677, m. James Perry, 1700; Joseph, b. Oct. 1679, m. Jerusha Adams, prob. a descendant of John Adams of the "Fortune," 1621, and had ten children, among whom was Benjamin,⁵ b. 1712, who m. Ruth (Tilden) Litchfield (Family No. 31); Benjamin,⁴ b. Apr. 1682, m. Deborah Howe, 1710; William, b. Feb. 1685-6, m. Judith Booth, 1714; Hannah, b. Jan. 1688-9, m. James Briggs, Jr., Dec. 24, 1716 (see footnote, p. 66); Samuel, b. Aug. 1690, m. Elizabeth Caswell, removed to Mansfield; Elizabeth, m. William Barrell, July, 1706.

John⁴ Bailey died in Hanover, in 1752. His wife, Abigail, was the daughter of Dea. Samuel Clapp of Scituate (see Deane, p. 234) and his wife, Hannah, dau. Thomas and Hannah (Otis) Gill of Ilingham (see Hist. Hingham, vol. ii, p. 268). Children of John⁴ and Abigail (Clapp) Bailey; Jane,⁵ b. 1700; John, b. 1703, m. Elizabeth Cowing (Family No. 14); Jacob, b. 1706; Capt. Israel, b. 1708, m. Keziah Perry and settled in Bridgewater; Timothy, b. 1709, m. Sarah Buck, 1731; Abigail, b. 1712, m. John Bates (a descendant of Clement Bates of Hingham), 1733; Sarah, b. 1714, m. Thomas Jenkins, 1731; Deborah (twin with Hannah), b. 1717, m. Jeremiah (John⁴, John³, John², John¹ of Marshfield) Rogers, 1738; Hannah, b. 1717, d. 1736; Rachel, b. 1719, m. James Rogers, brother of Jeremiah, 1741; Naomi, b. 1722, m. Benjamin Curtis, 1741.

The Jeremiah Rogers, just mentioned, had eleven children, all born in Hanover, of his wife, Deborah Bailey. She died Aug. 21, 1761. He married again and about 1773, removed to Freeport (now in Maine). Among his children was Mark, bapt. May 30, 1742, who m. Mary Bray, and their dau. Anne, b. 1766, m. 1790, William³ Litchfield, son of Nathaniel⁴ (Family No. 36). See "John Rogers of Marshfield," by J. H. Drummond, 1898.

John⁵ Bailey and his brothers, Jacob,⁵ Israel, and Timothy, and his sister, Jane, were baptized "1-5-1711." (Scit. First Parish Rec.)

‡ For a sketch of this family and a list of their descendants, see "Halls of New England," p. 654. Also Briggs' "Ship-building on the North River," p. 179.

- a distinguished physician and a member of the Provincial Congress, in 1777.
- ii. JOHN *Bailey*,* b. Oct. 30, 1730; m. Oct. 18, 1750, at Hanover, Ruth Randall, bapt. Oct. 11, 1730, dau. Caleb and Hannah. John Bailey was Colonel of the Second Massachusetts Regiment in the Revolutionary War; he was present at the sieges of Boston and New York, at the battles of Princeton and Trenton, and at Burgoyne's surrender.† Their son, *Luther*⁶ *Bailey*, was Major in the same regiment.
 - iii. JANE (or JOAN or JEAN) *Bailey*, b. Jan. 20, 1732-3; m. July 5, 1750, Thomas Hubbard,‡ of Abington.
 - iv. SETH *Bailey*, b. July 5, 1739; m. 1st, Feb. 11, 1762, Lydia Barstow; § m. 2nd, July 28, 1768, Alice Neal (called "Jr."). Seth served in the Revolutionary War. Resided, Hanover.

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ISRAEL⁴ COWING, Jr., son of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Oct. 23, 1699. "Owned y^e Covenant & was baptised 5 May 1728" (Scit. First Parish Rec.). Probably died in 1733, as on Oct. 3, the appraisal (Plym. Probate Rec.) of his estate was taken for his widow by John Cushing, Jr., David Little and Nicholas³ Litchfield; amount of personal property, £251; of real estate

* Mrs. George A. Shumway, of Warren, Mass., is a descendant of Lieut.-Col. Bailey, through his dau. Ruth, who m. William Stockbridge, Oct. 9, 1774; Ruth Stockbridge, dau. of William, m. Joseph Ramsdell, Feb. 3, 1800, and removed to Warren; Capt. Joseph Ramsdell, Jr., son of Joseph, m. Elizabeth Eells, Dec. 3, 1827, and they were the parents of Margaret B. Ramsdell (Mrs. Shumway).

Mrs. Elroy M. Avery (born Catherine Hitchcock Tilden) is descended from Col. John Bailey, through his dau. Sage, who m. Dr. Gad Hitchcock, a Revolutionary surgeon; their dau., Catherine Hitchcock, became the wife of Calvin Tilden, M. D., and grandmother of Mrs. Avery, who is an author and genealogist (with husband, compiler of *Avery Gen.*), and a prominent member of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, for which body she is the editor of "The American Monthly Magazine," its official organ. Her residence is 657 Woodland Hills Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

† For an account of his services, see *Bailey Gen.*, and *Bailey manuscript* (previously referred to); also Briggs' "Shipbuilding on the North River," pp. 84, 103, and *Massachusetts Archives*. Consult printed vital records of Hanover, Mass.; also church records.

‡ This name is also given in the *Bailey Gen.*, as "Thomas *Hart*." See Briggs' "Shipbuilding on the North River," p. 98.

§ For Barstows, see Barry's *Hist. Hanover* (a lengthy account), *Bailey Gen.* (1899), Briggs' "Shipbuilding on the North River," and Deane's *Scituate*, p. 218.



Kent Street, Scituate, looking from Meeting-house Lane towards Satuit Brook
and the Harbor and Sand Hills.

(Scituate Harbor.)



Meeting-house Lane, looking from its junction with Kent Street, Scituate, towards the
First Parish Burying Ground and the location of its first Meeting-house.

(Scituate Harbor.)

(including bills due estate), £1312. His widow, Lydia, was admnx. Homestead consisted of 40 A., in which she had a life interest.

Married in Scituate, Jan. 23, 1723-4 (Second Parish Rec.), Lydia Balch ("Boulch"), born in Beverly, Apr. 7, 1707, daughter of Joseph⁴* and Sarah (Hart) Balch. On Jan. 1, 1735-6 (int. Nov. 28, 1735), Lydia, widow of Israel⁴ Cowing, married in Scituate, Israel³ Peakes, son of William² Peakes (born 1662), and grandson of William¹ and Judith (Dennis-Litchfield) Peakes. (See page 20, also deed, Family No. 18.) Lydia, "y^e wife of Israel Cowing," was admitted to Scituate First Church communion, Aug. 9, 1728.

Plym. Co. Registry records two deeds of property from *widow* Lydia Cowing to Josiah⁴ and Job⁴ Cowing, as follows :

Aug. 26, 1734. Lydia Cowing, widow and admnx. of estate of Israel Cowing of Scituate, for £30, to Josiah⁴ Cowing of Scituate, two shares in the 12th lot of cedar swamp in Scituate, in Town Swamp, "it being the one half of s^d lot which belonged to s^d Israel Cowing, excepting what was set off to Hannah Cowing, mother of said Israel." Witnesses : Ezekiel Turner and Joseph Josselyn. Ack. Aug. 28th. Rec. Sept. 17th. [Vol. xxix : p. 38.]

Aug. 26, 1734. Lydia Cowing, etc. (as above), to Job⁴ Cowing of Scituate, for £105, 10 A. land in Scituate, near John Elms's. Witnesses, as above. Ack. Aug. 28th. Rec. Sept. 17th. [Vol. xxix : p. 39.]

* Joseph⁴ Balch was a descendant of John¹ and Margary Balch of Salem and Beverly, viz. : John¹; Benjamin² (wife, Sarah Gardner); Benjamin³ (wife, Elizabeth Woodbury). Sarah Gardner was the eldest dau. Thomas Gardner, overseer of the first Cape Ann Plantation, and wife, Margaret Frier. Elizabeth Woodbury was dau. John and Elizabeth Woodbury and granddau. John, the old planter of Cape Ann, and wife, Agnes.

Sarah Hart was dau. Jonathan and Lydia (Neal) Hart. Lydia Neal was dau. John Neal of Salem, and his wife, Mary, dau. Francis Lawes of Salem. See interesting article on "Old Planters at Salem," in Apr. 1902, *Genealogical Quarterly Magazine*.

The children of Joseph and Sarah (Hart) Balch were : Benjamin, bapt. 1702, d. 1753, m. Nazareth Cushing, res. Scituate; Elizabeth, b. 1704, m. Alexander Thorpe; Lydia, m. Israel Cowing (above); Sarah, b. 1709, m. David Cole; Joseph, bapt. 1712, res. 1733 in Plymouth. (See Balch Gen., p. 45.) Sarah (Hart) Balch m. 2nd, Dec. 15, 1716, William Mellus (Mellowes) of Scituate, where she lived with her children.

Deane's Scituate is in *error* in stating that this Israel⁴ Cowing (Cowen) married a *Howland of Pembroke and removed to Weymouth*.

Children* of Israel⁴ and Lydia (Balch) Cowing, born at Scituate (baptisms on First Parish Records):

- i. ISRAEL⁵ *Cowing*, b. 1724 (Deane), "ye Son of Israel Cowing was baptised 5 May 1728;" m. Jan. 5, 1762, Elizabeth *Cudworth*, *probably* dau. James and Abigail⁴ (Litchfield) Cudworth, Family No. 40, *q. v.* Res. Rochester (1762) and Pembroke (see deed, p. 79). Prob. served in Revolutionary War.
- ii. LYDIA *Cowing*, "ye daughter of Israel Cowing was baptized 5 May 1728;" m. Isaac⁴ *Litchfield* (see Family No. 34).
- iii. BALCH *Cowing* ("blacksmith"), b. 1728 (Deane), "ye Son of Israel Cowen was baptized 28 July 1728" (see deeds, pp. 79, 82). In 1748, Joseph Tilden was his guardian. "Baulch Cowen & Sarah *Howland, Jr.*, married Dec. 18, 1751" (Pembroke Rec.). The ch. of Balch and Sarah Cowing (Cowen) are rec. at Braintree, viz.: Rachel,⁶ b. Oct. 31, 1752; Prince,⁶ b. Apr. 5, 1754; Huldah,⁶ b. July 27, 1757; Howland,⁶ b. July 25, 1759; Molley,⁶ b. July 18, 1761; and Sarah,⁶ b. Nov. 7, 1763; *also*, dau. Matilda (see below). Descendants in Rochester, Bridgewater, Chesterfield, etc. Prince⁶ and Howland⁶ served in the Revolutionary War. See Suffolk Co. deeds, vol. xci: p. 50; vol. ci: p. 101; vol. cxx: p. 93, for conveyance of property in Braintree to Balch⁵ Cowing of Braintree, by William Hunt, Benjamin Thayer and wife, and Israel and Lydia Peakes (of Braintree), before 1771. *Also*: Vol. cxxxix: p. 187; vol. cxlvi: p. 212, for conveyance of property by Howland⁶ (wife, Rachel), "blacksmith," of Braintree, to Solomon Lowell, Josiah Vinton and Abraham Newcomb, before 1785. On June 3, 1776, admn. on the estate of Balch⁵ "Cowen" was granted [Suffolk Prob. Rec., vol. lxxv: p. 245; vol. lxxix: p. 221; vol. lxxviii: p. 330] to his widow, Sarah, and Thomas White, both of Braintree; on Apr. 28, 1780, Eliphaz Weston of Weymouth was apptd. gdn. of *Matilda Cowen*, minor dau. Balch,⁵

* All remembered in will (p. 62) of Hannah³ (Litchfield) Cowing, their grandmother.

under 14 years of age; on June 17, 1776, the inventory of the estate of Balch,⁵ amounting to £495: 17s.: 11d., was taken by William "Penningham" (*Penniman?*), James Penniman and Hobart Clark.

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JOSIAH⁴ COWING, son of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, May 19, 1704; baptized May 5, 1728. Was living in 1747, when he and his brother, Joseph,⁴ were appointed executors of their mother's will (p. 62). Probably unm. On Oct. 29, 1760 [Plym. Prob. Rec.], Job "Cowen" (probably brother) was appointed admr. on estate of Josiah "Cowen" of Scituate. Sureties on bond, Abiel Turner and John Elmes; witnesses, William and Bethiah Cushing. Estate declared insolvent. *Isaac*⁴ *Litchfield* (Family No. 40) and Caleb Damon among the creditors. Names of heirs not given.

On Aug. 26, 1734, Josiah⁴ Cowing bought of widow Lydia Cowing (see preceding family) two shares of cedar swamp land in the twelfth lot. On Mch. 26, 1755 [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xliii: p. 73], for £20, Josiah⁴ sold this land to Ebenezer Mott of Scituate, also one-half of his pew in "North Meeting House in Scituate, it being under the women's stairs." Witnessed by Benjamin Pierce, 3d, and John Mott. Ack. Mch. 27th. Rec. Mch. 29th.

On Apr. 20, 1756, Ebenezer Mott sold to Josiah⁴ Cowing, for £20, two shares in the twelfth lot of cedar swamp. Witnesses: Amasa Bailey and Israel Cudworth. Ack. May 7th. Rec. May 18th. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xliii: p. 233.]

On May 7, 1756, Josiah⁴ Cowing of Scituate sold to Amasa Bailey and Job Bailey, both of Scituate, for £21: 6s.: 8d., the *southerly half* of this twelfth lot of cedar swamp in Town Swamp, Scituate. Witnesses: Israel Cudworth and Atwood Mott. Ack. same day. Rec. May 18th. [Vol. xliii: p. 233.]

On May 6, 1756, there was a division made by Josiah⁴ Cowing and John Ewell, both of Scituate, of part of the twelfth lot of

cedar swamp above mentioned. Witnesses: Israel Cudworth and Amasa Bailey. Ack. May 7th. Rec. May 18th. [Vol. xliii: p. 233.]

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GATHELUS⁴ COWING, son of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Feb. 4, 1708-9; bapt. July 19, 1719. Married, Feb. 5, 1735-6, Mary Gill, daughter of Lieut. Nathaniel and Abigail (Jacob) Gill of Hingham. (Hist. Hingham, 1893, vol. ii: p. 269.) Deane says that Gathelus⁴ had no family. He is named in his mother's will, 1747, and it would appear from the reading of this legacy (p. 61), that Gathelus⁴ was then living at home, and perhaps sick. It is thought that he may have lived in that part of Hingham now Cohasset. No probate or deed records at Dedham, Boston, or Plymouth.

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JOB⁴ COWING, son of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Mch. 8, 1713-14, where he resided. Baptized July 19, 1719.* Married at Scituate, May 24, 1733 (int. May 5, 1733), to Deborah Gannett ("Gannit"), born about 1713, died in 1799, as his widow, daughter of Matthew Gannett† of Scituate and Bridgewater, and

* First Parish Rec.: "Garthelus, Rachel, Job, Joseph Cowing, Children of Widow Hannah Cowing, Baptized 19-5-1719."

† Will of Matthew Gannett (Joseph,² Matthew¹) of Bridgewater, dated Oct. 6, 1764, probated at Plymouth, Nov. 5, 1764, names wife Martha, *dau. Deborah, wife of Job Cowen*, dau. Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Hayward, dau. Sarah Pettin-gill, widow; also grandch. Susanna, Mehetable and Hulda Edson, ch. of his deceased dau. Susanna Edson. Matthew Gannett, Jr., b. 1688, bapt. as adult, at Scit., "29-4-1718," was, very probably, married three times. *First*, at Scit., June 30, 1712, as Matthew, "Jr.," to Mary Chapman (prob. of Marshfield). Deane is confusing in his treatment of the Gannetts, and calls her *Mary Chapin*, which is wrong. Two ch. by this marriage, viz.: *Deborah* (m. Job Cowing, above), bapt. "11-8-1713," and Seth (d. young), bapt. "12-3-1717." Matthew and brother, Joseph, removed to Bridgewater about 1713. Matthew married, *second*, in Scituate, in 1718, Mary Bacon, by whom he had ch., viz.: Elizabeth, m. abt. 1738, Nicholas Byram, and in 1746, Thomas Hayward; Mary, b. 1721, m. 1744, John Edson; Susanna, b. 1723, m. 1746, David Edson; Mehitabell, b. 1726, m. 1747, Zebulon Cary; Sarah, b. 1729, m. Daniel Pettingill, 1755, and Amos Ford of Marshfield, 1766. Matthew married, *third*, 1750, Martha, widow of Dr. Joseph Byram, and dau. of David Perkins. Martha d. 1779, aet. 74. *Authorities*: Scituate town and church records; Hist. Bridgewater, p. 170.

wife, Mary Chapman. Deborah was admitted to church, Aug. 7, 1743. "Coffee negro Serv^t child of Job Cowing being Sick & in danger of Dth was baptized in s^d Cowings House 9 Ap^l 1753."

On Feb. 26, 1750-1, Job⁴ Cowing, for £47, sold to Joseph Elmes, both of Scituate, 10 A. land which he had purchased of Lydia Cowing, admnx., "*now Lydia Peaks*" (see Family No. 15). Witnesses: Thomas and John Clap. Ack. same day. Rec. Apr. 4, 1755. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xliii: p. 78.]

The following are from the Scituate First Parish records:

Job Cowing & Deborah his wife owned y^e Cov^t & brôt their child Deborah to Baptism 22 Sept. 1734.

Mary Daug^t of Job Cowing was baptised by m^r [Rev. Nathaniel] Eells 30 May 1736.

Hannah a Daug^t of Job Cowing was baptised 23 april 1738.

Elizabeth Daug^t of Job Cowing was baptized 15 June 1740.

Job Son of Job Cowing baptised 24 oct: 1742.

Gathelus Son of Job Cowing baptized 27 oct 1745.

Rachel Daug^t Job Cowing baptized 26 June 1748.

Israel Son of Job Cowing baptized 23 Sep^t 1750.

Hannah Daug^t of Job Cowing [baptized] 15 oct 1752.

Children of Job⁴ and Deborah (Gannett) Cowing, all born at Scituate (with the possible exception of Rachel):

- i. DEBORAH⁵ *Cowing*, b. Dec. 22, 1733; d. at Hingham, Jan. 16, 1808, aged 74 years; m. Jan. 22, 1751-2, Adam *Stowell*, b. Hingham, Aug. 15, 1722, son of Samuel and Susanna (Lambert) Stowell of Hingham. Adam d. in Hingham, Dec. 6, 1807, aged 85 years, a blacksmith, residing on Fort Hill street. They had eleven children,* all b. in Hingham, of whom Issacher⁶ and Seth⁶ served in the Revolutionary war.
- ii. MARY *Cowing*, b. Feb. 19, 1735-6; bapt. in "north meeting house" (Scit. Second Parish Rec.), May 30, 1736; m. in Scituate, Nov. 1, 1759, Jonathan *Brown*, Jr., bapt. July 16, 1738 (Scit. First Parish Rec.), son of Jonathan Brown. They prob. had son *Robert*,⁶

* See Hist. Hingham, 1893, vol. iii: p. 219.

- bapt. Mch. 23, 1760 (First Parish Rec.). Compare Deane, p. 228. Jonathan Brown and Jonathan Brown, Jr., both served in the Revolutionary war.
- iii. HANNAH *Cowing*, b. Mch. 19, 1737-8; d. young.
- iv. ELIZABETH *Cowing*, b. Apr. 14, 1740; m. May 26, 1760 (int. May 10), Joseph³ *Bowker* of Scituate, prob. one of the twelve ch. of James² (son of James¹ and Mary) and Hannah (Lambert) Bowker. Deane says that this Joseph³ Bowker removed to Maine.
- v. JOB *Cowing*, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1742; m.* 1st, May 20, 1761 (int. Apr. 25), Zillah *Perry*, bapt. Nov. 10, 1728 (Scit. Second Parish Rec.), d. 1809, dau. Benjamin and Ruth (Bryant) Perry; m. 2nd, Feb. 4, 1810, Deborah *Briggs*. Deane's Scituate (pp. 132, 244) says that he was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and was at St. John's in 1759. He was known as *Captain* Job *Cowing* and was living in 1831. He had no sons and prob. no daus.
- vi. GATHELUS† *Cowing*, b. Sept. 4, 1745; m.‡ July 11, 1768 (int. Dec. 2, 1767 — both on Scituate records), in Scituate, Lucy *Hatch* of Scituate, by whom he had two sons, *Job*⁶ (birth not found) and *David*,⁶ b. Aug. 16, 1768; also dau. *Desire*,⁶ b. Mch. 13, 1771. Gathelus⁵ *Cowing*§ served in the Revolutionary war. He was a

* Bailey's Early Mass. Marriages, vol. ii: p. 170.

† Spelled "Gathelious" on Scituate birth record; various other spellings.

‡ The following notice, recorded at Plymouth, shows that Gathelus⁵ was married earlier than 1768:

Know all men by these presents, whereas my son Gathelius *Cowing* a minor of about twenty years old is a *married man* and has the care & charge of a family lying upon him and in consideration of four pounds to me in hand paid and other good causes & considerations me hereunto moving I do hereby give him full power and authority to trade & do business for himself and all his earnings in whatsoever calling he shall see cause to follow shall be for his own benefit and that I will not at any time hereafter control him in any of his affairs nor demand or receive any of his earnings upon any account whatsoever. To the true & faithful performance of all which several articles I do hereby bind myself to my said son Gathelius in the penal sum of fifty pounds to be paid to him on default of any one of the said articles. In witness whereof I Job *Cowing* of Scituate in the County of Plymouth have hereunto set my hand & seal
March 23, 1765.

his
JOB + COWING [Seal]
mark

Test: Thos Clapp, Mary Clapp.

Ack. same day. Rec. Oct. 31, 1765. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. 1: p. 257.]

§ See list of members of Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R., Cohasset, Mass. *Gathelus*⁵ *Cowing* was one of the Revolutionary ancestors of Mrs. George F. Welch, Scituate, Mass.

- "mariner." In 1797 he was living in Chesterfield* (see deeds† of Isaac⁴ Litchfield, Family No. 34), but he had probably gone there in 1785.
- vii. RACHEL *Cowing*, bapt. June 26, 1748 (birth not found); d. Mch. 5, 1749. (Gravestone, Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate.)
- viii. ISRAEL *Cowing*,[‡] b. Sept. 10, 1750; filed "intentions" on Feb. 4, 1769 (Scit. Rec.) to Desire *Mott*. They had two sons, viz.: Israel,⁶ Jr., b. Scit. Oct. 27, 1770, m. Nov. 25, 1788, *Rebecca Wade* of Bridgewater, who died May 12, 1818; § *Charles*,⁶ b. Scit. July 14, 1773; d. Scit. Apr. 13, 1823. Deane says they had other children.
- ix. HANNAH *Cowing*, b. July 12, 1752; m. by Rev. David Barnes, in Scituate, Apr. 22, 1770 (int. Mch. 17), to Abner *Pincin* of Scituate. Ch.: Hannah⁶ *Pincin*, b. Scit., Sept. 23, 1770.

19

JOSEPH⁴ COWING, son of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Mch. 1, 1715–16; baptized July 19, 1719. One of the executors of his mother's will (page 62).

Married *first*, Anne Howard;|| married *second*, by Rev. John Shaw, in Bridgewater, Nov. 24, 1744 (int. on Scit. Rec., Dec.

* At Northampton, Mass., Probate Office there is a will, probated in 1840, of a *Gathelus Cowing* of *Chesterfield*. In the Registry of deeds, there, vol. xxvii: p. 107, *Gathelus Cowing* (and wife, *Mary*), *et als.*, Jan. 11, 1804, convey property to Mark Williams, *all of Norwich* (now Huntington), Mass.

† From Plymouth County Registry of Deeds:

April 1, 1773—Zephaniah Hatch and Thomas Hatch, yeomen, and Rachel Hatch, singlewoman, all of Worthington in the County of Hampshire, Gathelus Cowing and Lucy, his wife, and Elizabeth Hatch, single-woman, all of Scituate, to Thomas Jenkins,⁹ Jr., of Scituate, for £438 : 3s. : 4d., 82 acres and 20 rods Scituate land which was the David Hatch homestead farm. Witnesses: Nathan Cushing, Israel Vinal, Jr., and Nahum Eager Dwight. Ack. Dec. 7, 1773. Rec. Oct. 22, 1776. [Vol. lviii: p. 247.]

Mch. 23, 1785—Gathelus and Lucy Cowing (his wife) of Scituate to Jonathan Brown, Jr., of Scituate (their brother-in-law), for £135, 18 acres land, with dwelling and barn in Scituate, near *mill brook*. Witnesses: Israel Vinal, Jr., and Uriah Linclon (?). Ack. Mch. 24, 1785. Rec. Apr. 13, 1785. [Vol. lx: p. 138.]

‡ Did he remove to Brunswick ("New Meadows"), Me., marry a *Holbrook*, and have a dau. *Deborah*, b. abt. 1776?

§ Died May 12, 1818, Rebecca Cowen, wife of Israel Cowen, aged 63 years. (*Joel Willcutt's Diary*, MS.—Cohasset.) They had a dau. Betsey,⁷ b. in Scituate, July 29, 1796.

|| Deane's Scituate, p. 244: "Joseph removed to Bridgewater, and married Howard 1736." Davis's *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth*, p. 73: "Joseph Cowen,

17, 1743), Jane ("Jean") Keith, born Dec. 4, 1720, died Jan. 22, 1794, daughter of Samuel and Bethiah (Fobes) Keith* of Bridgewater.

Joseph⁴ Cowing became a member of Scituate First Church, Aug. 7, 1743. He resided in Scituate in 1746, when he sold† his land and dwelling house (purchased of his mother), and probably soon after removed to Bridgewater, where he died "suddenly in Calvin Hayward's dooryard,"‡ Dec. 27, 1780. They are both buried in Scotland graveyard,§ Bridgewater.

On Mch. 5, 1781 (Plym. Prob. Rec.), Joseph⁵ Cowing (Jr.) was appointed admr. on his father's estate. The sureties on his bond were James Leach and Joseph Ames, and the witnesses, Gideon Soule and Isaac Lothrop. The heirs named were the three children: Joseph⁵ and Ward⁵ Cowing and Hannah⁵ Hooper,* and the widow, Jane ("Gean") Cowing, "advanced in years." The estate was not finally divided until after Jane's death in 1794.

Children of Joseph⁴ and Jane (Keith) Cowing:

- i. JOSEPH⁵ Cowing, Jr., b. Scit. (prob.) July 22, 1745; bapt. July 28, 1745 (Scit. First Church Rec.); m. 1772, in Bridgewater, Abigail Fobes (Forbes),§ b. May 3, 1747, dau. Joshua and Esther (Porter) Fobes. Joseph⁵ Cowing was bapt. July 28, 1745 (Scit. First Parish Rec.). He served in the Revolutionary war. Joseph and wife, Abigail, had no sons, but six daus. were born to them, of whom four, viz.: Hannah,⁶ Asenath,⁶

Bridgewater, died 1791 [*sic*], leaving widow Anne [*sic*], and children, Joseph and Ward, and a daughter who married a Hooper." Nothing further ascertained of Anne Howard.

* Compare with Fobes (Forbes) and Howard data in Family No. 12. Samuel Keith was son of Rev. James Keith, first minister of Bridgewater. The old Keith homestead, once owned by Joseph⁴ Cowing, is still standing, and occupied by George F. Keith. (Mrs. Pickersgill.)

† See deeds of Isaac⁴ Litchfield, Family No. 34.

‡ From William Latham's bound manuscript of Additions and Corrections of Hist. of Bridgewater, at N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc. Library, Boston.

§ The following are their epitaphs:

In memory of Mr. Joseph Cowing, who died December 27, 1780, in ye 65 year of his age.

Here lies Mrs. Jane Cowing, wife of Mr. Joseph Cowing, who died Jan. 22, 1794, in the 74th year of her age. (From Latham's *Epitaphs of Old Bridgewater*.)

|| Mrs. H. J. Pickersgill has some homespun linen which belonged to the wedding outfit of Abigail Fobes.

Abigail,⁶ and *Bethiah*,⁶ died unm., and are buried beside their parents in "Titicut" cemetery. The other two daus. were: *Betsy*,⁶ who married, 1803, Silas Andrews,* and *Lucy*,⁶ who married, 1802, Martin Copeland.†

- ii. *HANNAH Cowing*, b. Bridgewater, May 22, 1747; m. June 5, 1777, John *Hooper*,‡ b. Bridgewater, Sept. 6, 1747, son of John and Sarah (*Cowing*) Hooper. Their ch., b. Bridgewater: *John*,⁶ Jr., b. June 30, 1779; *Job*⁶ (or *Joseph*), b. Dec. 24, 1780; *Hannah*,⁶ b. June 11, 1782.
- iii. *Daughter*, b. May 25, 1749; d. June 13, 1749. (Bridgewater rec.)
- iv. *Son*, b. Mch. 25, 1750; d. Apr. 10, 1750. (Bridgewater rec.)
- v. *WARD Cowing*,§ b. Bridgewater, May 10, 1755; m. Prov., R. I., Dec. 6, 1778, Mary *Peckham*. Their ch.,

* Of this family there was a son, *Sumner*⁷ *Andrews*. The family lived in Canada, perhaps at Sherbrooke or Guildhall (1838).

† *Martin Copeland*, b. Jan. 1, 1774, d. early part 19th century, buried (also his wife) in "Titicut" cemetery, was son of Daniel and Susanna (Ames) Copeland of Bridgewater. Res. in Sturbridge and Bridgewater. Martin went to Plymouth in the war of 1812. The Copeland and Ames ancestry may be traced in Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, and Kingman's Hist. No. Bridgewater.

*Lucy*⁶ *Cowing*, wife of Martin Copeland, was b. Apr. 19, 1775 (battle of Lexington and Concord), and d. in Bridgewater in Aug. 1858. The ch. of Martin and *Lucy*⁶ (*Cowing*) Copeland, b. in Sturbridge, were:

1. *Joseph Cowing*⁷ *Copeland*, b. Aug. 20, 1803; m. Bridgewater, Dec. 9, 1839, Mary Jane Williams, b. Boston, Aug. 11, 1812, d. Bridgewater, Feb. 9, 1861, dau. Thomas (a sea-captain, b. Isle of Man) and Phillipa (Trench) Williams. J. C. C. inherited a farm from his aunt, Hannah Cowing. Ch. of *Joseph Cowing*⁷ *Copeland*: *Thomas Williams*,⁸ b. Dec. 22, 1840, d. Dec. 18, 1856; *Edwin Turner*,⁸ b. July 10, 1842, m. 1867, Emily Matilda *Gilbert*, res. Newton, four ch.; *Elizabeth Phillipa*,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1845, m. East Boston, Dec. 7, 1872, Henry James *Pickersgill*, b. 1845, of an English family, res. (1902) East Prov., R. I., five ch., of whom *William C.*⁹ and *Henry M.*⁹ are living; *Hannah Cowing*,⁸ b. Apr. 30, 1847, d. Aug. 1847; *Charles Henry Ward*,⁸ b. May 3, 1850, m. twice, two ch.

2. *Bethiah Cowing*⁷ *Copeland*, b. June 26, 1805, d. Whitman, 1884, m. 1st, Luther Hayward of Bridgewater, son of Solomon; one ch. *Solomon*,⁸ Jr., d. young. Married 2nd, in Whitman, John W. Wade; no ch.

References. On family of *Joseph*⁵ *Cowing*: Mrs. H. J. *Pickersgill*, East Prov., R. I. On *Copeland*: Judge Alfred M. Copeland, Pres't Conn. Valley Hist. Society, Springfield, Mass. The compiler has more data concerning this Cowing family.

‡ Married 2nd, widow Ruth Whitman, and removed to Oakham. He had one sister, Sarah, b. Feb. 19, 1749; m. 1st, Thomas *Lawrence*; 2nd, Capt. *Barney* of Taunton. (Bridgewater records.) Who was *Sarah Cowing*, wife of John Hooper, Sr.?

§ *Authorities* on this family: Miss Janet M. Cowing, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Miss Maria Louise Cowing, Dighton, Mass. The compiler has more data concerning descendants.

b. Prov., R. I.: *Henry*,⁶ b. 1779, m. Ann Wagner, Charleston, S. C.; *Mary*,⁶ b. 1781, m. Pardon T. Hurlburt; *Frances*,⁶ b. 1784; *Joseph*,⁶ b. 1786, m. Mary Weedon, Prov., R. I.; *Seth Lothrop*,⁶ b. 1788; *Ward*,⁶ b. 1791, m. Mary Atwood; *Jane*,⁶ b. 1793; *William Taggart*,⁶ b. 1795; *Samuel*,⁶ b. 1797; *Frances*,⁶ b. 1799; *Sylvanus Keith*,⁶ b. 1800; *Samuel Keith*,⁶ b. 1802.

20

RACHEL⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was baptized at Scituate, First Church, July 19, 1719, but she was born several years before. The date has not been found on any record, but she must have been born before her brother, Job⁴ (born 1713-14), and probably before Gathelus⁴ (born 1708-9). She is named in her mother's will (1747) as Rachel "Southard," and received, by bequest, a part of her mother's clothing and "indoor moveables."

Married in Scituate (town and Second Church records), Feb. 6, 1727-8, William Southworth* of Scituate, by Rev. Nathaniel Eells. No further records have been found at Scituate or Plymouth to give light on this family. See deed, Family No. 28.

21

JOHN⁴ DAMON, eldest son of Ichabod Damon† and Sarah³ Litchfield‡ (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate (town rec.): "John Damen ye Son of Ichabod Damen & Sarah his

* The name Southworth appears with various spellings or corruptions, as Southard, Southward, Southwood, etc. Probably this William was a descendant of Constant Southworth. At Plymouth Co. Probate Registry, two William Southworths appear, viz.: William of Hingham, admn. in 1817; and William of Duxbury, guardianship in 1752. In this latter case, William of Duxbury was appointed gdn. of his *minor son*, William. Neither of these cases seems to fit the Scituate family. Deane's Scituate, p. 347, mentions only the family of Capt. Thomas Southworth who came from Duxbury to Scituate in 1800. Further data are desired by the compiler to be used in the Appendix.

† He was a tailor, also a Conihasset partner. See his will, pp. 64-5. On Mch. 24, 1730/1, an appraisal of his estate was taken by Nicholas³ "Lechfield," John Vinall and Stephen Vinall, relatives by marriage. The inventory (Plym. Prob.) indicated a fair estate, such as £500 in money, homestead of 22½ acres, 28 acres upland and swamp adjoining John Cudworth, etc.

"Ichabod Dammon Senr being Sick was Baptised at his own house upon his owning ye Covenant a Considerable number of ye Chh being Present 17 July 1730" (Scit. First Church Rec.) See Family No. 24.

‡ "Sarah Damon, widow," was admitted to communion of the Scituate First Church, "7 Nov: 1731." She probably died about 1739.

wife was born January y^e 26, 1709-10." (See his father's will, page 64.) He died, probably unmarried, about 1735, as on May 5, 1735, his brother, Ichabod⁴ ("housewright"), was appointed admr. on his estate.

Ichabod's sureties were Nicholas³ Litchfield, "yeoman," and Thomas Man, "yeoman;" the witnesses were Theophilus Cushing and Edward Winslow; no heirs mentioned. Resided at Scituate.

22

SARAH⁴ DAMON, daughter of Ichabod Damon and Sarah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate (town rec.): "Sarah · Damen y^e daughter of Ichabod Damen & Sarah his wife born March y^e 19, 1711-12." Married Feb. 16, 1729 (Scit. rec.), Jonathan³ Jackson (*Jonathan*,² *Samuel*^{1*}), born in Scituate, June 3, 1685; died in Scituate about 1764. Sarah⁴ (Damon) Jackson died about 1731, soon after her daughter Sarah's birth. The will of Jonathan³ Jackson, dated June 26, 1756, was probated (Plym. Prob.) Aug. 13, 1764, and his son, Jonathan⁴ (born 1733), was executor. The bequests were to his wife, Deborah, to daughter, Sarah *Sprague*, and to son, Jonathan,⁴ Jr.

On Feb. 27, 1739, Jonathan³ was appointed guardian of his daughter, Sarah Jackson, in regard to property which came from her mother's estate. Perhaps this pertained to the £50 willed Sarah⁴ (Damon) Jackson by her father, Ichabod Damon (see page 64.)

* Samuel¹ Jackson came from Plymouth, 1638, says Deane. He married Hester Sealis, dau. Dea. Richard, in 1639, and in 1643/4 was in Barnstable (see pp. 7, 8, 9). See references to him on pp. 30, 32. About 1656, he succeeded to the Sealis homestead, north of Satuit brook. Samuel¹ had but one son, Jonathan,² b. 1647, a Conihasset partner, who served in King Philip's war, for which service he received a grant of land. Jonathan² d. Jan. 14, 1725, at Scituate; will in Plym. Prob.

The children of Jonathan² Jackson were: Jonathan,³ b. June 3, 1685; Sarah,³ b. Feb. 14, 1688; and Hannah,³ b. Jan. 30, 1692. Jonathan² had a *second* wife, Lydia Pickells, to whom he was married at Scituate, Mch. 26, 1701. (See deed, p. 72.)

Jonathan³ (b. 1685) was married twice: *1st*, to Sarah Damon (as above); *2nd*, Oct. 30, 1732, to Deborah Stetson. By Deborah, he had one son, Jonathan,⁴ b. Scituate, Feb. 14, 1733; bapt. Mch. 31, 1733 (First Ch. rec.); d. 1803; m. Mehetable Hyland, June 8, 1757. Ch. of Jonathan⁴ and Mehetable: Samuel,⁵ bapt. Aug. 13, 1758; Deborah,⁵ bapt. Mch. 30, 1766; Ward,⁵ bapt. Jan. 15, 1769; Roland,⁵ bapt. Dec. 20, 1778; perhaps others. (See Deane, p. 291.)

Child of Jonathan and Sarah⁴ (Damon) Jackson :

- i. SARAH⁵ *Jackson*, b. Apr. 15, 1730 (Scit. town rec.); bapt. Nov. 8, 1730 (First Parish rec.); m. (Scit. First Parish rec.) Feb. 21, 1749-50 (int. June 10, 1749), James⁴ *Sprague*, "3d," of Marshfield, b. Marshfield, Oct. 16, 1718, only son of James³ and Hannah (Black) Sprague (m. Nov. 19, 1717), and great-grandson of William¹ Sprague, who came from Dorsetshire, Eng., in 1629, and settled first at Salem, then at Charlestown, then at Marshfield, and finally at Hingham. James⁴ Sprague had an only sister, Hannah,⁴ b. Marshfield, Mch. 18, 1722, who m. Barnabas *Ford*.*

James⁴ Sprague, "3d," probably lived on the old homestead place of Resolved White, near "Mt. Skirgo," Marshfield. He is named as a petit juror from that town in 1754.

The children† of James‡ and Sarah (Jackson) Sprague are recorded on Marshfield records, as follows :

1. *Melzar*⁶ *Sprague*, b. Mch. 7, 1751-2; d. before 1770.
2. *James Sprague*, Jr., b. Apr. 17, 1754; m. int. Marshfield, Aug. 12, 1776 (prob. m. in Pembroke) to Lydia *Barker* of Pembroke, b. Feb. 6, 1754, d. Mch. 23, 1830, dau. Josiah and Sarah (Macomber) Barker of Marshfield. Three ch., one of them named *Jackson*.
3. *Sarah Sprague*, Jr., b. Aug. 30, 1762; m. (prob.) Marshfield, Nov. 28, 1799, Bradford *Baker* of Marshfield.

* He was probably the son (b. 1714) of James and Hannah (Dingley) Ford of Marshfield. His marriage and family not found upon the Marshfield records.

† There are numerous descendants in Marshfield and Scituate (1902). *Authorities* for the data and ancestry of this Sprague family: Winsor's Duxbury, p. 318; Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: pp. 163-4; Soule's Memorial of the Sprague Family (1848), pp. 106, 119-126; Thomas's Memorials of Marshfield (1854), p. 78; Barker Family (by Barker Newhall), pp. 26, 34.

‡ The following is the only deed recorded at Plymouth Co. Registry in the name of James Sprague, 3rd :

Mch. 17, 1757. James Sprague, 3rd, Marshfield, yeoman, and Sarah, his wife, for £24, to Josiah Daman, Scituate, yeoman, all interest, etc., in all real estate "which our uncle John Daman late of Scituate deceased dyed seized of"; also, in all real estate of their grandmother, Sarah Daman, late of Scituate, deceased. Witnesses: Wm Cushing and Charles Cushing. Ack. same day. Rec. Apr. 8, 1760. [Vol. xlvi: p. 59.]

4. *Luther Sprague*, b. July 31, 1767; m. Marshfield, Nov. 17, 1791, Elizabeth Tilden *Ford*. Seven ch.

5. *Melzar Sprague*, b. Sept. 23, 1770; m. Oct. 2, 1794, at Marshfield, Elliner *Keen* of Duxbury.

23

JOSIAH⁴ DAMON, son of Ichabod Damon and Sarah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate (town rec.): "Joseah Damon Son of Ichabod Damon & Sarah his wife, was Born, Decem^r 20, 1714." See his father's will, page 64, also deeds Families Nos. 30 and 32. Residence, Scituate. "Husbandman." Married in Scituate, Feb. 23, 1743-4 (int. Nov. 26, 1743), Leah Briggs, born Sept. 22, 1720, daughter of Benjamin* and Leah (Merritt) Briggs of Scituate.

Josiah⁴ Damon probably died about 1787. On Apr. 3, 1787 (Plym. Prob.), Benjamin Briggs† and Leah Damon, widow, were appointed admrs. of Josiah's estate which was found insolvent. Sureties on bond: Thomas "Lechfield" (Family No. 36) and Robert Ellms (see Deane, page 266). Witnesses: Henry Joselyn, Jr. (see Deane, page 299) and James Briggs,† Jr. In the record no heirs are mentioned, but the following were named as creditors: John Damon, Sr. (son of Josiah⁴); John Damon, Jr. (son of Josiah⁵); heirs of Ichabod Damon (father of Josiah⁴); Josiah Damon (son) and Leah Damon (widow); Eleazer Peakes; Roland Litchfield (son of *Thomas*⁴ — Family No. 36); Job Litchfield and Ephraim Litchfield (sons of *Eleazer*⁴ — Family No. 32).

Scituate First Parish Records have the following entries:

Josiah Damon & Leah his wife owned the cov^t & were baptised 24 Decm: 1752

John Son of Josiah Damon was &c [bapt.] 24 Decm 1752

* See Briggs footnote, p. 66, and Merritt footnote, Family No. 13; also Deane's Scituate, p. 226. One of Leah's brothers, James, was living in 1831. He was town clerk for many years in Scituate. Children of Benjamin and Leah (Merritt) Briggs, b. at Scituate: Leah (above); Benjamin, b. Oct. 18, 1722, captain, m. Rebecca Curtis; Deborah, b. June 1, 1724, m. Thomas Mann, Jr. (his second wife); Rachel, b. Aug. 13, 1730; James, b. Nov. 16, 1735, m. Rhoda Nash. (Herbert G. Briggs.)

† Probably Leah's father and brother.

Leah Daug^t of Josiah Damon baptized 16 June 1754

Josiah Son of Josiah Damon baptised 20 June 1756.

Sarah Daug^t of Josiah Damon baptis^d 24 Aug^t 1760

Children of Josiah⁴ and Leah (Briggs) Damon, born at Scituate :

- i. JOHN⁵ *Damon*, b. abt. 1752; prob. served in Revolution; m. Scit., Nov. 4, 1779, Elizabeth⁵ Collier, bapt. Scit., Nov. 21, 1756, dau. William and Judith⁴ (Briggs) Collier (Family No. 38). They had five daus. (Scit. Rec.) :

1. *Elizabeth*,⁶ b. Aug. 24, 1780; m. Sylvanus Simons of Marshfield, Aug. 28, 1800.

2. *Judith*,⁶ b. Dec. 13, 1784; d. unm., June 15, 1878, *act.* 93 yrs. 6 mos. 2 days. Judith⁶ and Elizabeth⁶ were both bapt. (Scit. First Ch.), Sept. 7, 1788, their parents owning covenant.

3. *Sally*,⁶ b. Sept. 14, 1789; bapt. Oct. 17, 1790; m. 1st, 1815, Capt. Doane⁶ Damon, her cousin (see below); 2nd, after 1825, Tobias Cook. Sally⁶ d. Scituate, Jan. 25, 1876, *act.* 86 yrs. 4 mos. 11 days.

4. *Lucretia*,⁶ b. Mch. 24, 1791, twin; bapt. with Arvilla,⁶ Mch. 27, 1791. Died of old age, at South Scituate, Nov. 2, 1871, as the *widow of John Damon* (whose son?). Buried, Weymouth.

5. *Arvilla*,⁶ b. Mch. 24, 1791, twin; d. unm., Scituate, May 17, 1877. She lived with her sister, Judith,⁶ in a house in the pasture at the rear of the home of the late Edwin Young, in Egypt. With them lived a cousin, Philenda *Litchfield*⁶ Damon (see below).

- ii. LEAH⁵ *Damon*, "Jr.," b. abt. 1754; had a dau., Philenda *Litchfield*⁶ Damon, b. Scituate, May 9, 1781, who lived with her cousins (see above). Nothing further has been ascertained of Leah.⁵

- iii. JOSIAH⁵ *Damon*, Jr., b. abt. 1756; prob. served in Revolution; m. Scituate, Jan. 7, 1779, Lucy Doane,* dau. John and Lucy (Davenport*) Doane. They had ten ch., b. at Scituate :

* The families of Doane and Davenport will be treated later in this Genealogy, in connection with the family of Capt. John⁶ Damon (b. 1796).

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View eastward from Hoop-pole Neck over Farm Neck towards Musquashcut Pond and North Scituate Beach.



Farm Neck, Scituate, as seen from Hoop-pole Neck — looking northwest.

(See page 31.)

1. *Henry*,⁶ b. Apr. 14, 1780; m. Ellenor Curtis and Anna Cook; was a sea-captain.

2. *Lucy*,⁶ b. Oct. 30, 1783; m. Tobias Cook, b. Scituate, Nov. 9, 1787, son of Robert* and Judith (Damon) Cook.

3. *Nancy*,⁶ b. Feb. 21, 1785; m. James Knights.

4. *Josiah*,⁶ Jr., b. July 7, 1788; m. Elizabeth and Thurza (or Thirza) Cudworth, daus. of John, Jr., and Elizabeth (Clapp) Cudworth (see Family No. 40); another wife was Mary Webb; he was a sea captain.

5. *Jane*,⁶ b. Aug. 24, 1790; d. 1792.

6. *Doane*,⁶ b. Feb. 14, 1792; lost at sea, in 1825; m. Oct. 15, 1815, Sally⁶ Damon, his cousin (see above); was a sea-captain.

7. *Jane*,⁶ b. Sept. 9, 1793; m. 1st, Capt. George Anderson; m. 2nd, John Briggs of Prov., R. I., and had ch. John Briggs d. Dec. 24, 1839, *aet.* 47 yrs.; m. 2nd, Lucy Studley, d. Sept. 29, 1879, *aet.* 90 yrs.; buried, Groveland Cemetery; lived on Main street, No. Scituate.

8. *John*,^{6†} Jr., b. Nov. 7, 1796; m. 1st, *Rebecca*⁶ *Litchfield* † (d. 1828), granddau. Isaac⁴ Litchfield (Family No. 34); m. 2nd, Almira White; m. 3rd, Hannah[‡] (Curtis) Damon, widow of John Cudworth Damon; was a sea-captain.

9. *Hannah*,⁶ b. Dec. 21, 1799; m. *Melzar*⁷ *Litchfield*, great-grandson of Eleazer⁴ Litchfield (Family No. 32).

10. *James*,⁶ b. Dec. 13, 1801; m. Sarah Merritt, prob. dau. Ensign and Sally (Cook) Merritt.

iv. SARAH⁵ *Damon*, b. abt. 1760. Nothing further ascertained.

* Robert Cook had fourteen ch., b. Scituate, 1778-1801. Tobias m. 2nd, after 1825, Sally (or *Sukey*) Damon, widow of Capt. Doane Damon (above). Waldo Francis Bates, Sr., No. Scituate, is a great-grandson of Robert and Judith Cook. Judith Damon, wife of Robert Cook, was dau. of Israel⁴ and Sarah (Merritt) Damon. She was often called "Juda." She died May 31, 1845, *aet.* 85, and Robert died Mch. 18, 1831, *aet.* 74. He served in the Revolution. Both buried in Groveland Cemetery, Scituate.

† Grandparents of Miss Sarah R. Damon, No. Scituate, who has contributed much Damon and other family data to this Genealogy.

‡ Hannah (Curtis) Damon's first husband was a nephew of her second husband. Each was named *John* Damon, and Hannah was the *third wife of each*.

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ICHABOD⁴ DAMON, Jr., son of Ichabod Damon* and Sarah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate. His name occurs on the town record of the births of the children of Ichabod and Sarah Damon, but *without date* and *placed between* Sarah⁴ and "Joseah."⁴ It is safe to assume that Ichabod⁴ was born about 1713, instead of "abt. 1716," as given on page 65. A Conihasset partner.

At Plymouth Registry of Deeds the following are the only records of his conveyance of real estate :

Feb. 3, 1732. Ichabod Damon, Scituate, "yeoman," for £300, to Thomas Jenkins, Jr., Scituate, about 10 A. land "where I now dwell" in Scituate, bounded by land of John Damon, William Jenkins and John Sutton, and the "way," "as the fence now stands round the same excepting the *shop* on s^d land provided it be taken off within one year next coming." Witnesses: John Cushing, Jr., Amos Doggett. Rec. Apr. 23, 1740. [Vol. xxxiii: p. 124.]

Mch. 14, 1736. Ichabod Daman, Jr., "housewright," and Josiah Daman [prob. his brother], "husbandman," for 40s., to Joseph Tilden, Scituate, "our" one half part of 20 rods of land where Tilden's "malt-house" stood. Witnesses: Joseph and Benjamin Bailey. Ack. Mch. 29, 1737. [Vol. xxxi: p. 50.]

June 1, 1744. Benjamin Hiland, Scituate, for £46, to Ichabod Damon, Scituate, 5 A. Scituate land, on highway leading towards Thomas Pinchon's house. Witnesses: John and Abner Sutton. Rec. Mch. 28, 1745. [Vol. xxxvii: p. 87.]

Mch. 5, 1753. Jeremiah Peirce [Family No. 30], Scituate, for £15, to Ichabod Damon, Jr., Scituate, 2 A. salt marsh in Conihasset. [Vol. xlviii: p. 93.]

* Deane's Scituate, pp. 261, 262, is very misleading in its statements regarding the family and descendants of John¹ Damon. The following deed is given here to show that *Ichabod Damon* (Family No. 7), who m. Sarah³ Litchfield, was the *son of John¹ Damon*, and *not the son of Experience²* (son of John¹). Deane and others have fallen into error because of the *several Ichabods* on the records of this family. Oct. 4, 1714, *Ichabod Damon*, Scituate, "taylor," for £170, to Timothy Lindall, Boston, one fourth part of a freeman's share in land on easterly side of Taunton River, in Freetown and Middleboro', being Lot No. 26, commonly known as "Dammons Lott," with appurtenances, etc., "*as my father John Damon had.*" *Sarah, wife of Ichabod*, released her dower rights. Witnesses: David Little and Ebenezer Mott. Ack. Oct. 4, 1714. Rec. Mch. 19, 1714-15. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xi: p. 19.]

Ichabod,³ son of Experience² Damon, m. Judith Peakes, and had a son, Ichabod⁴ ("3rd"), who m. Ruth Studley and removed to Chesterfield about 1770. He

It is quite certain that Ichabod⁴ Damon died unmarried, or at least, that he had no immediate family, as his will, following, shows :

WILL OF ICHABOD DAMON.*

In the Name of God Amen : I, Ichabod Damon of Scituate In the County of Plymouth yeoman ; under bodily Infirmitys But being of a Sound mind : Calling to mind my one frailty and mortality : Do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament: furst of all I Bequeath my Sole to god that gave it, In hopes of Eternal Life thro the merits of Jesus Christ: and my body I Commit to the earth, to be Buryed In a Decent Christian maner ; according to the Discration of my Executor, here after Named, and as touching my Worldly Estate that almighty god has bin pleased to bless me with I give and Bequeath, In maner folloing.

Impr^s. I here by give and bequeath to my Well Beloved frind Robart Cook† Jur of S^d Scituate Labourer: all my Estate, Both Real and personal Lying & being In S^d Scituate or Ealce Whare : (he paying my Just Debts & funeril Charges) To him the S^d Robart his Heirs and assigns forever & I Do hereby Nominate and appint my beloved frind Robart Cook Jur To Be Sole Executor, of this my last Will and Testament: and I do hereby Revoke & make Void all Wills heretofore By me made, and Do Declare & Ratify this to be my Last Will & Testament: In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this first Day of April & in the Sixteenth year of his Majestyes Reign A. D : 1776

ICHABOD DAMON



Signed Sealed published & Declared by the s^d Ichabod Daman, to be his Last Will & Testament, in presence of us

Witnesses

David Little Jur. Robart Ellms David Cudworth

in turn, had a son, Ichabod,⁵ b. 1764. m. Hannah Vinton, 1796; res. Chesterfield. (Scituate and Chesterfield records.)

The following deed is the only one of Ichabod (m. Sarah³ Litchfield) Damon, not noted before in this Genealogy: Joseph Hatch (wife, Lydia), Scituate, on Nov. 5, 1711, to Ichabod Dammon, for £143, 11s., 22½ A. 30 rds. swamp and upland in "Cohasset" in Scituate, also dwelling-house and orchard. Abutters: Jonathan Elmes, Timothy White, John Cudworth and Nicholas³ Litchfield. Witnesses: James Briggs, Samuel³ Litchfield. Rec. Apr. 24, 1717. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xii: p. 127.]

* Dated Apr. 1, 1776. It was not allowed and so is not recorded, but is on file at Plymouth County Registry. How the estate was settled is not shown at Plymouth.

† Robert Cook, Jr., m. Judith⁵ Damon, dau. of Israel⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Experience*,² *John*¹) and Sarah (Merritt) Damon. See footnote, Family No. 23.

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JUDITH⁴ DAMON, daughter of Ichabod and Sarah³ Litchfield (*Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was probably born in Scituate, after her brother, Josiah⁴ (born 1714), but no record is at hand either of birth or of baptism. She was left £50 by the will (1730) of her father.

Married in Scituate, Aug. 19, 1744 (int. July 18th), to John Briggs, born in Scituate, Dec. 18, 1709, son of Joseph,* Sr., and Deborah (Holbrook) Briggs. Judith⁴ survived her husband.

On Mch. 6, 1790, John Briggs, Jr., of Scituate, and Ichabod Briggs of Cohasset [his sons], were appointed admrs. (Plym. Prob. Rec.) on the estate, declared insolvent, of John Briggs of Scituate. Sureties on bond: Hayward Peirce and Calvin Peirce; witnesses: Elijah Cushing and Deborah Cushing. *Aged widow, Judith Briggs*, mentioned, but no other heirs. Said John Briggs owned land in the town of Turner [now in Maine], supposed to be worth £60. Two of the creditors were Joseph and Seth Briggs [no relationship expressed]. Account mentions a division deed and expense for making same.

On Nov. 23, 1791, John Briggs [Jr.], shipwright, and Judith, his wife, Daniel Briggs, yeoman, Thankfull Briggs, Sarah Briggs, Deborah Briggs, single women, Ebenezer Ellms, mariner, and Judith Ellms, his wife, all of Scituate, for £33: 6s.: 16d., to Ichabod Briggs of Cohasset, shipwright, 7½ A. land in Scituate, part of the real estate of John Briggs, deceased, of Scituate. Witnesses: William Turner and Hayward Peirce. Ack. by all, on same day. Rec. May 23, 1792. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. lxxii: p. 240.]

The following occur in the Scituate First Parish Records:

J^{no} Briggs & his wife entered into Cov^t & Judith his wife was baptized & all their Children viz^t J^{no} & Joseph, Ichabod & Thankfull
30 Sep^t 1753

* Joseph³ (*Cornelius*,² *Walter*¹) Briggs, Sr. (see footnotes, pp. 66 and 97), had the following children: Cornelius,⁴ b. Sept. 26, 1705, m. 1741, Lydia Stoddard; Mary, b. Aug. 26, 1707; *John* (above), b. Dec. 18, 1709; Joseph, Jr., b. 1714, m. widow Rachel Bailey (see succeeding footnote on different Josephs of the Briggs family); Thankful; Hannah; and Ezra, b. 1724, m. 1764, Lydia Neal. (Herbert G. Briggs.)

Joseph³ Briggs d. Mch. 26, 1770; his wife, Deborah, d. Apr. 12, 1766, aged 84 yrs.; both buried in Groveland cemetery, No. Scituate.

Judith Daug^t of J^{no} Briggs baptized 7 July 1754

The Twin Daug^{ts} of John Briggs being Sick were baptised in private by the Names of Sarah & Deborah 25 Ap^l 1758

Juda [Judith] the Daughter of John Briggs baptised by Rev. Little [of] Cholchester [Colchester?] Oct. 30, 1763

Children of John and Judith⁴ (Damon) Briggs (births not found on Scituate Town Records, but probably born there):

- i. JOHN⁵ Briggs, Jr., b. Nov. 17, 1744; d. Apr. 22, 1800; shipwright of Scituate; m. Scituate, Mch. 5, 1780, Judith⁵ Collier, b. Scituate, May 4, 1754, d. Jan. 1, 1851, dau. of William and Judith⁴ (Briggs) Collier (see Family No. 38). Their children:*

1. Susanna,⁶ b. Feb. 20, 1781; d. Sept. 24, 1822; m. Charles Cudworth.

2. Jane,⁶ b. Jan. 18, 1783; d. unm., Mch. 16, 1867.

3. Joanna⁶ (called "Joe" on birth rec.), b. Oct. 29 (or 20), 1784; d. June 22, 1862; m. Abiel Cudworth (brother of Charles), d. Sept. 30, 1863, *aet.* 76 yrs.

4. Judith,⁶ b. July 16, 1788; d. Aug. 22, 1860; m. Joseph Gannett, Mch. 26, 1832.

5. Sophia⁶ (called "Sophy" on birth rec.), b. Apr. 24, 1791; m. Nathaniel Pierce,† Feb. 2, 1831; they had one son, John B.,⁷ b. 1832, m. 1856, Martha W.⁸ Litchfield (William,⁷ Abner,⁶ Nicholas,⁵ Nicholas,⁴ Nicholas,³ Josiah,² Lawrence¹). Family found later in this Genealogy.

6. John,⁶ b. July 15, 1793; d. July 26, 1793.

7. Polly,⁶ b. Sept. 24, 1795; d. Mch. 22, 1815.

8. Lucy,⁶ b. June 4, 1799; d. Nov. 12, 1889.

- ii. JOSEPH‡ Briggs, b. before 1753: prob. d. young.

* Scituate Town Records, vol. xii (*except* John,⁶ b. and d. 1793 — his data from Briggs records). With these are recorded "at his request," the births of John and his wife, Judith. In this same volume occurs the following deed: Sept. (no day), 1825, — Judith Briggs, widow, Abiel Cudworth, Joanna, wife of Abiel C., Jane, Judith, Sophia, and Lucy Briggs, single women, all of Scituate, for \$15, sell to John Cudworth, Jr., Scituate, "the one half of a pew in the North Meeting house in Scituate . . . being half of the Northeast corner Pew in said Meeting house," which was owned in common with John Cudworth. Witnesses: John B. Turner and Abiel Cudworth, Jr. Admn. on estate of John Briggs, in 1800, rec. at Plymouth. Burials in Groveland cemetery, No. Scituate.

† See Michael Pierce Gen. (1889), pp. 114, 115. Sophia⁶ was his *third* wife.

‡ There are several Josephs among the Briggs families of Scituate and Cohasset, and it is a puzzle, oftentimes, to clearly identify them. The *first* Joseph

- iii. THANKFUL *Briggs*, b. before Sept. 1753; living in Scituate, Nov. 1791, unm. Nothing further ascertained.
- iv. ICHABOD *Briggs*, b. before Sept. 1753, d. July 1, 1831; m. Scituate, Nov. 30, 1783, Sarah⁵ Collier, b. 1752, d. Jan. 26, 1810, *aet.* 57, dau. William and Judith⁴ (*Briggs*) Collier (see Family No. 38). Res. Cohasset, where he was a shipwright. Ichabod⁵ m. 2nd, Oct. 18, 1811, Elizabeth Mott of Scituate, d. Apr. 14, 1841, *aet.* 93. Children of Ichabod⁵ and Sarah *Briggs* (bapt. at Cohasset): *Ruth*,⁶ July 8, 1787; *Hannah*,⁶ Apr. 5, 1789, d. Nov. 26, 1807; *Zilpah*,⁶ Aug. 7, 1791; *Cynthia*,⁶ 1792, d. Feb. 8, 1808; and *Abner*,⁶ Nov. 14, 1795, d. Sept. 10, 1855; m. Betsey —, and had seven ch., rec. at Cohasset. (George L. Davenport.)
- v. JUDITH *Briggs*, b. in 1753 or 1754; d. before 1763.
- vi. SARAH *Briggs*, twin to Deborah, b. abt. 1758.
- vii. DEBORAH *Briggs*, twin to Sarah. They were named for their grandmothers, Sarah (Litchfield) Damon, and Deborah (Holbrook) *Briggs*; both living in Nov. 1791, unm. Nothing further ascertained.
- viii. JUDITH* *Briggs*, b. abt. 1763; living in 1840; m. Scituate, Sept. 3, 1789, Benjamin Woodworth Ellms, son of Robert, Jr., and Sarah (Northey) Ellms. It is said that Benjamin left his family, went South, and never was heard from. Their children (on Scit. Rec.):

to settle in that part of Hingham, now Cohasset, was Joseph⁴ (*Joseph*,³ *Cornelius*,² *Walter*¹), brother of John⁴ (m. Judith⁴ Damon), and uncle of Ichabod⁵ (m. Sarah Collier). He was b. Scituate, abt. 1714, d. Jan. 10, 1760, *aet.* 45 years (gravestone at Cohasset), and on Jan. 23, 1749, he purchased a house on Elm street (Cohasset) of James Stutson. On May 31, 1750, he m. at Scituate the widow Rachel Bailey (born *Cudworth*, widow of *Seth Bailey*), who d. Dec. 25, 1758, *aet.* 39 years (gravestone). Their ch. (bapt. at Cohasset): Barnabas, May 12, 1751 (Hist. Hing. says: July 12), d. Mch. 25, 1752, *aet.* 10 mos. 18 days (gravestone at Groveland Cemetery, No. Scituate); Seth, June 20, 1756, m. 1779, Deborah Lothrop (see Hist. Hing.); *Joseph*, abt. 1758, served in the Revolution, m. 1785, Betsey Stodder, and prob. had son, *Joseph, Jr.* (Hist. Cohasset, pp. 344, 419, 444); *Hannah*, and perhaps others, b. in Scituate.

Joseph Briggs, who m. in Scituate, Mch. 28, 1798, Miriam Sylvester, was son of town clerk James Briggs, by wife Rhoda Nash (Deane, p. 226). They had nine ch., b. 1799–1814, and among them, a *Joseph*, b. Oct. 25, 1807.

Plymouth County deeds have many grantors and grantees by the name of *Joseph Briggs*, residents of Scituate, Cohasset and other places.

Authorities: Scituate town and church records; Hingham and Cohasset records; George L. Davenport, Cohasset; Sarah R. Damon, Scituate.

* *Authority* on this family: Charles Otis Ellms, Scituate, whose grandfather was a brother of Benjamin Woodworth Ellms.

1. *Judith⁶ Ellms*, b. Nov. 11, 1789; d. unm.
2. *Sally Ellms*, b. July 17, 1791; d. unm.
3. *Ebenezer Woodworth Ellms*, b. Sept. 4, 1793; drowned, when a young man, in North River, Scituate.
4. *Hannah Ellms*, b. Nov. 27, 1794; d. unm.
5. *John Briggs Ellms*, b. May 22, 1796; d. unm.
6. *Nancy Ellms*, b. May 23, 1798; d. unm.
7. *Margaret Ellms*, b. Dec. 15, 1799; d. unm.
8. *Cushing Otis Ellms*, b. Feb. 14, 1801; m. 1824, Susan⁷ Litchfield, b. 1803, dau. Abner⁶ (*Nicholas*,⁵ *Nicholas*,⁴ *Nicholas*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) Litchfield. See Family No. 64.
9. *Archibald* ("Archabel") *Ellms*, b. Jan. 9, 1806; m. and res. near Boston.
10. *Anson Ellms*, b. Nov. 17, 1809; m. and res. East Boston.

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MARY⁴ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate, Oct. 10, 1715; baptized Sept. 28, 1718. Married* in Scituate, Feb. 15, 1740—I, to John Beal, Jr., of Hingham, "yeoman," born in Hingham, Mch. 22, 1704—5, son of John and Elizabeth (Hersey) Beal. Intentions filed at Scituate, Dec. 13, 1740. Mary⁴ died in Hingham, Mch. 2, 1800, *aet.* 85. Her husband had died in Hingham, Mch. 23, 1776, *aet.* 71; his inventory amounted to £1050: 3s.: 8d.; his will, dated Aug. 22, 1775, was probated May 6, 1776. (Suffolk Co. Probate Rec., vol. lxxv: pp. 141, 142, 533.) Mary⁴ received £300 by the will of her father (see page 70). They resided on South street, Hingham.

* In the book of *marriages* of Rev. Ebenezer Gay, pastor (1718–1787) of the First Church, Hingham, occurs the following: "John Beal and Mary Litchfield, Feb. 15, 1741." There are so many by the name of *John Beal* on the records and in the histories of Hingham and Cohasset, that it is difficult to separate them. It seems highly probable that both Johns of this family (No. 26) served in the Revolutionary war and perhaps in earlier conflicts. For authorities and references on this family, also on the Lincolns, who married into it, see the indexes of the above-named histories. Hist. Hingham omits the last child, Mary.

Children of John and Mary⁴ (Litchfield) Beal, born in Hingham :

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ *Beal*, b. Feb. 6, 1741-2; named in father's will, 1775; d. Sept. 24, 1818, in 77th year; m. *1st*, Apr. 21, 1775, Joseph *Lincoln*, b. Hingham, Sept. 16, 1731, d. Mch. 20, 1776, son of Josiah and Susanna (Lincoln) Lincoln, and res. West Hingham. They had one ch., *Joseph⁶ Lincoln, Jr.*, bapt. May 5, 1776, d. Jan. 22, 1777. Elizabeth m. *2nd*, Dec. 10, 1787, *Elijah Lincoln, widower*, b. Hingham, Nov. 6, 1729, d. Jan. 14, 1817, shipwright and farmer, son of Moses (grandson of Sergeant Daniel¹ Lincoln) and Mehitable (Townsend) Lincoln. They res. at the Lincoln ancestral homestead, Fort Hill street, Hingham. No ch.
- ii. MARY *Beal*, b. Feb. 3, 1743-4; d. June 20, 1745.
- iii. JOHN *Beal*, "3rd," b. Feb. 4, 1747-8; named in father's will; d. May 4, 1806; m. Mch. 23, 1775, Olive Lincoln, b. Hingham, Jan. 13, 1753, d. Jan. 14, 1830, sister of Joseph, above. Prob. no ch. Res., South street, near Hersey, in Hingham.
- iv. MARY *Beal*, named in father's will, as unm., in Aug., 1775, to whom he granted a home with his widow, free, as long as she lived a single person. Did she marry?

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JOSIAH⁴ LITCHFIELD, Jr. (*Josiah³ Josiah² Lawrence¹*), born in Scituate, Feb. 23, 1716-17; baptized Sept. 28, 1718 (see page 71). Resided on paternal estate (see will of father, page 70). Married *first*, in Scituate, Feb. 15, 1747-8, Tamsin Hayden,* daughter of Joseph (*Joseph³ John² John¹* of Braintree) and Mary (Vinal) Hayden of Scituate, whose date of birth has

* The parentage of Tamsin (variously spelled) Hayden is stated on the authority of Hon. Josiah Hayden Drummond, Portland, Me. (1902), who has made much study of the Hayden family. Joseph⁴ Hayden was born in Braintree, May 4, 1699. His wife's ancestry has not been determined, but she may have been Mary, b. 1701, dau. John, Jr., and Mary (—) Vinal. (See Family No. 39.) There was *another Tamsin Hayden*, dau. William and Anna (Stetson) Hayden, who m. 1771, Isaac⁵ Collier (Family No. 117). As Joseph⁴ Hayden is supposed to have had sons, William, Ezekiel and Joseph, Jr., and other daus., it seems probable that he was grandfather to the *latter Tamsin*. Deane's Scituate, p. 282, says *John* Hayden m. 1723, Mary Vinal. The record on Scituate town book proves this to be an error. *Joseph⁴* Hayden ("Heyden") and Mary Vinal were m. Aug. 1, 1723 (Scit. First Parish Rec.).

not been ascertained. Married *second*, by Rev. David Barns, at Scituate, Dec. 24, 1759 (int. Nov. 8, 1759), Abigail Studley of Scituate, baptized Sept. 4, 1748, daughter of David* and Susanna (Vinton) Studley.

In 1773 and 1774, Josiah,⁴ *Josiah Litchfield jun* Jr., was constable in Scituate. In 1750, "a way was laid out by the Selectmen and afterwards approved of by s^d Town, from the Town Road Through Sam^l. Holbrooks land and Josiah Litchfields Jun^{or} land & so over the Marsh & Creek to farm neck." Josiah⁴ would not give his land to the town for this "way," and as the selectmen were not able to settle with him, it was voted at town meeting, Oct. 9, 1751, that Benjamin Lincoln, Samuel Cushing and Israel Vining should be arbitrators in the matter, and that the selectmen should settle with Josiah Litchfield, according to their decision. On March 17, 1777, Josiah,⁴ Jr., was chosen by the town of Scituate as

* The Scituate town records give the births of the following children of David and Susanna (Vinton) Studley: Susanna, b. Jan. 25 (?), 1718; David, b. Nov. 12, 1720 (m. Elizabeth Curtis, 1744); Amasa, b. Jan. 4, 1722; and Daniel, b. Apr. 28, 1725. The following baptisms are from the Scituate First Parish records: "Abigail Daugt of David Studley *adult* owned the covt & was baptized—4 Sept—1748;" "David Studley *jur* owned covt & Received the ordi of Baptism 3 oct 1742;" "Susanna wife David Studley Baptized on Sick bed 19 of Janry 1757;" "John *adult* Son of David Studley baptised on Sick bed—25 Janry 1757;" "Anna wife of David Studley renewed the covt & brôt her Son Noah to receive the ordinance of Baptism—23 apr: 1758." Of these last named ch., prob. John and Noah d. young, as they are not mentioned in their father's will (see below).

The will of David Studley, dated Aug. 14, 1757, probated Nov. 5, 1759, on file at Plymouth, contains bequests to his wife, "Anna" (for Susanna), to daus. Susanna "*Battels*" (wife, 1738, of Joseph Battles of Hingham), Abigail Studley (not yet m.), and "Priscillai Rice *Jr.*" (*whose wife?*); to sons, David, Amasa and Daniel, and grandson, John Studley. David, Jr., was executor. David Studley, b. Jan. 18, 1696–7, son of Benjamin (see footnote, Family No. 29) and Mary (Merritt) Studley, m. Nov. 12, 1717, Susanna Vinton, dau. Blaise and Lydia (Hayden) Vinton.

Arthur G. Loring, Woburn, Mass., 1901, contributes the following: "Blaise (or Blaze) Vinton, b. Apr. 22, 1654, prob. in Lynn, son of John and Ann; d. in Hingham, Sept. 26, 1716; m. Lydia Hayden, dau. John and Hannah (Ames) Hayden, of Braintree. Lydia prob. m. 2nd (pub. Aug. 21, 1721), Jonathan Turner of Scit. Blaise Vinton was a soldier in King Philip's war. Blaise and Lydia Vinton had prob. the following ch.: Abigail, m. (pub. Oct. 18, 1712), John Peirce of Scit.; Lydia, m. (pub. May 14, 1714), Henry Chamberlain of Hull; Elizabeth, m. Aug. 15, 1715, John Barnes of Hingham; and Susanna (above), m. David Studley." See Hist. Hingham, also Scituate records.

Abigail Studley (m. Josiah⁴ L.) was first cousin of Sarah Studley, who m. Nicholas⁴ Litchfield (Family No. 29), as were their husbands.

Authorities: Barry's Hist. Hanover, p. 393; Deane's Scituate, p. 339; Hist. Hingham, vol. ii: pp. 24, 51; vol. iii: p. 272; Scituate records; Plymouth Probate records.

one of a committee of eleven of "Correspondence, Inspection and Safety" (Deane's Scituate, page 137); this was an honorable and patriotic position. See deeds of Family No. 28, *et als*.

It is probable that Josiah⁴ was in some of the engagements of the French and Indian war. (See Appendix.)

Neither the date of his death nor of those of his wives have come to light, and there appears to be no record of the settlement of their estates.

The Scituate First Parish Records contain the following about Josiah,⁴ Jr., and his family :

Josiah Litchfield j^{ur} & Tamsin Hayden were married 15 Feb. 1747.

Josiah Litchfield j^{ur} owned cov^t in private & promised to do it publicly & offered his Son Josiah Sick to God in Baptism, 5 Nov. 1752.

Josiah Litchfield j^{ur} & wife owned cov^t & Tamsan wife of s^d Litchfield baptized 4 Feb. 1753.

Joseph Son of Josiah Litchf^{ld} j^{ur} [baptized] 4 Feb. 1753.

Josiah Son of Josiah Litchf^{ld} j^{ur} baptized 22 Sept 1754.

Elizabeth Daugh^t of Josiah Litchfeild j^{ur} Baptized 7 Nov^b 1756.

Lucy, dau. of Josiah L., was bapt. by Rev. Eben. Grosvenor,* 10 July 1763.

Children of Josiah⁴ Litchfield, Jr., all born in Scituate, by *Tamsin* :

i. JOSIAH,⁵ b. Aug. 4, 1749; d. in Scituate, Nov. 7, 1752.

Buried in First Parish Burying Ground, where the gravestone, much dilapidated, reads: "Here lyes the body of Josiah Lichfeild son of M^r Josiah & M^{rs} Tamsien Lichfei— who died Nouember y^e 7th 1752, aged 3 years & 3 months and 3 days."

49. ii. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 14, 1750-1; m. Hannah Salisbury; pastor in Kittery, Me.

50. iii. JOSIAH, b. Dec. 22, 1753; d. Jan. 31, 1823; prob. unm.

51. iv. ELIZABETH, b. June 14, 1756; m. Jared Battles.

Child by *Abigail* :

52. v. LUCY STUDLEY,† b. Apr. 20, 1761; m. John Doane.

* Pastor, 1763-1780. Died, 1788, Harvard, Mass. (Deane, pp. 187-8.)

† The Scituate town records make her the dau. of Josiah⁴ by *Tamsin*, which is incorrect.



Monument in First Parish Burying Ground, erected by Scituate people as a Memorial to the Ministers of the First Church.

(See footnote, page 65.)



The three remaining Litchfield Gravestones in First Parish Burying Ground, Scituate, Mass., probably the burial place of Lawrence¹ Litchfield.

(See pages 12, 13, 69, 91 and 134.)

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JOSIAH⁴ LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), first cousin of the preceding Josiah,⁴ was born in Scituate, Dec. 20, 1706, and baptized Sept. 4, 1720. Resided at what is known as "Clapp's Corner," Scituate. Farmer, shoemaker, and blacksmith; constable for a number of years. Served in the Revolutionary war (see Appendix), and perhaps in the French and Indian war. Owned saw mill with Samuel Stockbridge.

"Josiah Litchfields ear mark for his Cattle Sheep & Swine is a Hollow Crop in the Right Ear & Half penna out the under Side of y^e Same ear." Rec. Apr. 30, 1752 (Scituate Town records).

July 24, 1731, laid out to Josiah "Lechfield," 40 rods of land in the right of Edward Jenkins. This land which was probably laid out by Nicholas³ Litchfield, his father, was at Briggs' harbor; the "flats" are mentioned. (Conihasset Partners' Rec.) Consult pages 93, 94, for legacies from his father. As his cousins, Josiah⁴ and Mary⁴ (children of Josiah³), lived to reach their majorities, Josiah (born 1706) did not inherit property from his uncle (see page 70).

PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS* OF JOSIAH⁴ LITCHFIELD.

Mch. 3, 1737-8. Deed of division. Josiah Lechfield, yeoman, Thomas Peirce, wheelwright, Ambrose Cole, blacksmith, all of Scituate, of one part, and Elisha Peirce, yeoman, of Scituate, of other part, 40 A. land at Mt. Hope, Scituate, near Johnson's swamp, formerly land of Capt. Benjamin Peirce, Scituate, deceased; parties of first part to have western portion. Witnesses: David, Sr., and Mary Little. Ack. same day. Rec. Mch. 16. [Vol. xxxi: p. 210.]

Mch. 4, 1737-8. Deed of division. Ambrose Cole, Jr., blacksmith, Scituate, of one part, and Josiah Lechfield, husbandman, of another part, and Thomas Peirce, housewright, of another part, all of Scituate, 22 A. at Mt. Hope (see above deed). Josiah L. had portion near Israel Vinal's land. Ack. Mch. 6. Rec. Mch. 16. [Vol. xxxi: p. 211.]

* See also deeds of Families Nos. 9, 30 and 38.

It is possible that the compiler may have wrongfully credited to Josiah⁴ some of the deeds here placed. Perhaps a few belong to Josiah,⁴ Jr. (Family No. 27), and to Josiah⁵ (Family No. 50).

Oct. 29, 1750. Deed of division between Josiah⁴ Lechfield, Jr. (Family No. 27), and Josiah Lechfield, Sr. (Family No. 28), Nicholas⁴ Lechfield and Isaac⁴ Lechfield, all of Scituate, of 125 A. land in "Beaches," Scituate. Ack. Nov. 12, 1750, by the four named. Rec. June 27, 1751. [Vol. xli: p. 102.]

*Feb. 13, 1750-51. Deed of division between Josiah⁴ L., Nicholas⁴ L., and Isaac⁴ L., of 306 A. land in "Beaches," Scituate. Witnesses: Thomas Clap and Benjamin Clap. [Vol. xli: p. 113.]

Feb. 20, 1750-1. Josiah Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £20, to Thomas Clapp, Esq., Scituate, 395 rds. land near "Clapp's Cohasset Farm so called." Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Nicholas⁴ Litchfield. Ack. Feb. 22. Rec. July 18, 1753. [Vol. xlii: p. 113.]

Feb. 21, 1750-1. Josiah Lechfield, yeoman, Scituate, for £35, to Benjamin Clap, yeoman, Scituate, 5 A. 146 rds. land in Scituate, near grantee; pastures of Col. Clap and Joseph Wade mentioned. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Thomas Clap. Ack. same day. Rec. Mch. 6, 1750-1. [Vol. xli: p. 53.]

*Feb. 21, 1750-51. Benjamin Clap, Scituate, yeoman, for £30, to Josiah Lechfeild, Scituate, yeoman, 3 A. 80 rds. land in Scituate, in grantee's pasture, on highway from James Newell's to John Whitcomb's, and bounded partly by land of Nicholas⁴ Lechfeild. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Thomas Clap. Ack. same day. Rec. July 9, 1751. [Vol. xli: pp. 114-115.]

*Feb. 21, 1750-1. Thomas Clap, "Esq^r," Scituate, for £10, to Josiah Litchfeild, Scituate, yeoman, 188 rds. Scituate land, "at the Northwesterly Corner of s^d Claps middle Pasture So Called of his Cohasset [Conihasset] farm," and also abutted by land of Joseph Wade, of the grantor and of the grantee. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Nicholas⁴ Lichfield. Rec. July 9, 1751. [Vol. xli: p. 115.]

*Mch. 7, 1750-1. Benjamin Bailey and Ruth, his wife (see Family No. 99), for £25: 6s.: 4d., to Josiah Lechfeild, Scituate, 5 A. land, being the 82nd lot in first division of Scituate "Commons," "laid out to Nicholas Lechfeild [Nicholas³] In the Right of Nathaniel Tilden," on south side of highway from James Newell's to the "Pattin Line." Ack. July 2, 1751. Rec. July 9, 1751. [Vol. xli: p. 115.]

*Jan. 1, 1751-2. Partition deed made between Joseph Wade, John Ewell, Samuel Brown, and Josiah,⁴ Nicholas⁴ and Isaac⁴ Litchfield, all of Scituate, of cedar swamp in Scituate, being the second part of the 4th lot of the Town Swamp, containing 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. Abutters: John

* Deeds thus marked (*) are in the Liba⁷ Litchfield collection. See first foot note, p. 75.

Doane, Eleazer Peakes, Gershom Merritt, James Merritt and James Studley. Rec. Mch. 6, 1753. [Vol. xlii: p. 50.]

Mch. 30, 1752. John Sutton, Scituate, for £4, to Josiah⁴ L., Samuel Stockbridge and James Bowker, land at westerly end of "Mt. Hope," near Patent line. [Vol. xlii: p. 65.]

*Apr. 5, 1752. Isaac⁴ Litchfield, yeoman, Scituate, for £56, to Josiah Litchfield, yeoman, Scituate, 11 A. 16 rds. land near grantee's house. Witnesses: Nicholas⁴ Lichfield and Caleb Torrey. Ack. May 18. Rec. May 19. [Vol. xli: p. 214.]

May 18, 1752. Ebenezer Bailey, Joseph Bailey, Amasa Bailey and Job Bailey, all of Scituate, for £2, to Josiah⁴ L., Samuel Stockbridge and James Bowker, cedar swamp in Scituate. [Vol. xlii: p. 86.]

*Feb. 1, 1754. Josiah Litchfield, Jr., yeoman (Family No. 27), for £33: 6s.: 8d., to Josiah L. (Family No. 28), yeoman, 5 A. Scituate land in said grantor's pasture, being the 196th lot in the first division of Scituate "Commons," which was laid out to the successor of Mr. Josiah Litchfield, deceased, on the north side of the road from Nicholas Litchfield's (Nicholas³) to Josiah Litchfield's (Family No. 28). Witnesses: Eleazar Peakes and Eleazar Peakes, Jr. Ack. Mch. 26, 1754. Rec. July 16, 1754. [Vol. xlii: p. 266.]

April 18, 1757. Josiah Litchfield, Scituate, and Amasa Studley, cordwainer, for £14: 13s.: 4d., to Ichabod Damon, 3d, Scituate, cordwainer, 1 A. land near Jonathan Brown's, with dwelling-house thereon. [Vol. xliv: p. 263.]

*Apr. 16, 1759. James Studley, Scituate, yeoman, for £28: 6s.: 8d., to Josiah Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, 5 A. Scituate land in grantee's pasture, being the 61st lot in the first division of Scituate "Commons," granted to James Studley. Witnesses: *William Southworth* (Family No. 20?) and Isaac⁴ Litchfield. Ack. Apr. 17. Rec. Jan. 27, 1761. [Vol. xlvi: p. 187.]

*Mch. 5, 1760. Nicholas Lichfield (Family No. 29), Scituate, yeoman, for £39, to Josiah Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, 8½ A. Scituate land, near John Whitcomb's. Witnesses: James⁵ Lichfield and Daniel⁵ Lichfield. Ack. Mch. 10, 1760. Rec. Jan. 27, 1761. [Vol. xlvi: pp. 187-8.]

Jan. 9, 1761. Partition deed made between Josiah⁴ L., Samuel⁴ L., Isaac⁴ L. and Nicholas⁴ L., Josiah⁴ L., Jr. (Family No. 27), and Thomas Curtis, all of Scituate, of cedar swamp, being 7th lot of town swamp in Scituate. Rec. Mch. 11, 1767. [Vol. lii: p. 260.]

* Deeds thus marked (*) are in the Liba⁷ Litchfield collection. See first foot note, p. 75.

*Apr. 8, 1762. Thomas Curtis, Scituate, yeoman, for £40, to Josiah⁴ Lichfield, Nicholas⁴ Lichfield and Isaac⁴ Lichfield, all of Scituate, yeomen, 4 A. salt marsh in Scituate, near land of William and David Cole and Joseph Otis. Witnesses: John Mott and Barnabas⁵ Litchfield. Ack. May 17, 1762. Rec. Oct. 1, 1765. [Vol. 1: p. 151.]

Apr. 8, 1762. Nicholas⁴ Josiah⁴ and Isaac⁴ Lichfield, all of Scituate, for £40, to Thomas Curtis, Scituate, 6 A. salt marsh in "Cohasset," Scituate. [Vol. xlviii: p. 178.]

Feb. 4, 1765. Joseph Clap, Jr., Scituate, yeoman, for 18s., to Samuel Stockbridge and Josiah Lichfield, both of Scituate; to Stockbridge, $\frac{3}{4}$, and to Lichfield, $\frac{1}{4}$, "of one eighth Part of the Second Lot of Cedar Swamp Land lying in Said Scituate in Johnson's Swamp So called." Witnesses: Ebenezer Bailey and Benjamin Bailey, Jr. Ack. Mch. 11. Rec. Oct. 30. [Vol. lii: p. 66.]

Apr. 11, 1765. Partition deed made between Josiah⁴ Nicholas⁴, and Isaac⁴ Lichfield, all of Scituate, of six pieces of salt marsh in Scituate. Rec. Oct. 1, 1765. [Vol. 1: p. 151.]

*Mch. 19, 1767. Josiah Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £10, to Daniel⁵ Lichfield, yeoman, Scituate, one-fourth acre "southerly on the Highway that goes by my House in which I now Dwell to my Brother Nicholas Lichfeilds," including the dwelling-house of grantee, well, privileges, etc. Witnesses: Thomas Clapp and John Clapp, Jr. Rec. Apr. 18, 1767. [Vol. liii: p. 160.]

*Nov. 16, 1768. Samuel Litchfield (Family No. 39), Scituate, yeoman, for £10: 3s.: 4d., to Josiah Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. 20 rds. land in Scituate, bounded by land of grantee and highway. Witnesses: James⁵ Lichfield and Daniel⁵ Lichfield. Ack. Jan. 3, 1769. Rec. Sept. 6, 1770. [Vol. lv: p. 178.]

Nov. 18, 1779. Josiah Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £31: 7s., to James Litchfield (his son), Cohasset, yeoman, 2 A. land in Scituate near dwelling house of John Whitcomb, Jr., and abutted partly by pasture land of grantor. Witnesses: Israel Vinal, Jr., and Israel⁵ Litchfield. Ack. same day. Rec. Oct. 3, 1781. [Vol. lx: p. 204.]

SUFFOLK COUNTY DEEDS.

Feb. 12, 1740-1. Joseph Briggs, Jr., and Sarah, his wife, both of Scituate, "for divers good causes and Considerations," to Sarah Silvester and Penelope Morey, both of Boston, and Susanna Lechfield

* Deeds thus marked (*) are in the Liba⁷ Litchfield collection. See first foot note, p. 75.



Josiah^t Litchfield House.

This stood at Clapp's Corner, Scituate. This cut shows the house as it appeared about 1885. Half of the original structure had been removed many years before, when the highway was laid out. Last occupied by Abram^t Litchfield (great-grandson of Josiah), and was afterwards torn down.



(wife of Josiah⁴) of Scituate, "the three only Daughters of the said Sarah Briggs," land in Stoughton, bounded "westerly by the Road leading from the Blew [Blue] hills to Mr. Billings and measuring Sixty Rods, Southerly on Estys, Easterly on Mashapaug Brook and Northerly on Wales's Land." Witnesses: David Little and Nicholas³ Lechfield. Ack. Mch. 21, 1740-1. Rec. Apr. 18, 1741. [Vol. lx: p. 216.] Sarah Briggs was formerly the wife of Edmund Morey.

Feb. 16, 1740-1. The above-named grantees, together with Josiah⁴ L., husband of Susanna Lechfield, and Samuel Silvester, husband of Sarah Silvester, for £450, conveyed above land (about 65 A.) to Ebenezer Hewing of Stoughton. Witnesses: David Little, Nicholas⁴ Lechfield, Eleazer⁴ Lechfield, Josiah Edson and Nich¹ Lechfield (Nicholas³). Ack. Mch. 22, 1740-1. Penelope Morey did not ack. until Apr. 18, 1741. Rec. Aug. 15, 1751. [Vol. lxxx: p. 53.]

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY DEEDS.

Feb. 19, 1761. Josiah and Isaac Litchfield (his brother) of Scituate, to Everton Beswick of Scituate, "mariner," 100 A. land in a township, "granted by the General Court of this Province, partly to Captain Andrews his company in the Canady Expedition, in the year 1690, On the Right of Benjamin Sutton," on condition that Beswick build a house and settle a family thereon. Witnesses: Benjamin Bates, Daniel⁵ Litchfield (son of Isaac⁴). [Vol. vi: p. 741.] This land was probably in Chesterfield. Compare deed, Apr. 4, 1737, p. 80.

May 28, 1771. Benjamin Pierce* and Priscilla (Merritt-Wade) Pierce (his wife) of Chesterfield, for £45: 7s.: 4d.: 3f., to Josiah Litchfield of Scituate, land in Chesterfield, which Pierce had purchased of Captain Comfort Sage. Witnesses: Starling King, Edmund Sylvester. [Vol. x: p. 415.]

Feb. 19, 1772. Josiah Litchfield of Scituate to Jacob Litchfield, "in Consideration of love and natural Affection which I have and do bear towards my son Jacob Litchfield of Chesterfield," 50 A. land in Chesterfield, which had been purchased of Benjamin Pierce. Witnesses: John Elmer, Nathan Cushing. [Vol. xxiii: p. 752.]

June 16, 1777. Josiah and Isaac Litchfield of Scituate, for £45: 8s., to Elisha West and Nathaniel Bryant, Jr., of Chesterfield, 100 A. land in Chesterfield, of which Zebulon Robinson was an abutter. Witnesses: Daniel⁵ Litchfield, Barnabas⁵ Litchfield (son of Isaac⁴). [Vol. xvi: p. 105.]

* Son of Benjamin and Charity (Howard) Pierce. (See p. 104.)

The following bond and deeds of the Liba⁷ Litchfield collection were *not recorded*:

May 16, 1739. Thomas Bourn, Hanover, shipwright, for £157, to Josiah Lechfeild, cordwainer, Scituate, "one Third Part of the Hull of a New Sloop which I Lately Built In my Building yard In s^d Hanover and Launched the Same Into the North River on the fifteenth Day of this Instant may." Witnesses: Benjamin Turner and Samuel Skiffe.

Apr. 1, 1747. Eliab Studley, Scituate, cordwainer, for £90, to Josiah Lishfeild, Scituate, "one Eighth part of the good Sloop Called the Royall oak now Riding in Cohaset harber together with one Eighth part of the mast boom and bolsplit Sails Ropes oars Cords Takels apprels [?] Stoves furniture and appurtenances whatsoever to the S^d Sloop belonging." Witnesses: Isaac⁴ Litchfield and Penelope Anderson (sister of Josiah's wife).

Feb. 19, 1761. Nicholas,⁴ Eleazer⁴ and Thomas⁴ Lechfeild, yeomen, all of Scituate, for £8: 2s., to Josiah⁴ and Isaac⁴ Lechfeild, yeomen, both of Scituate, three sevenths of the property described on p. 80, in the deed of Nicholas³ L., from John Sutton, dated Apr. 4, 1737. Witnesses: Benj. Bates, Daniel⁵ Litchfield. Ack. Feb. 19.

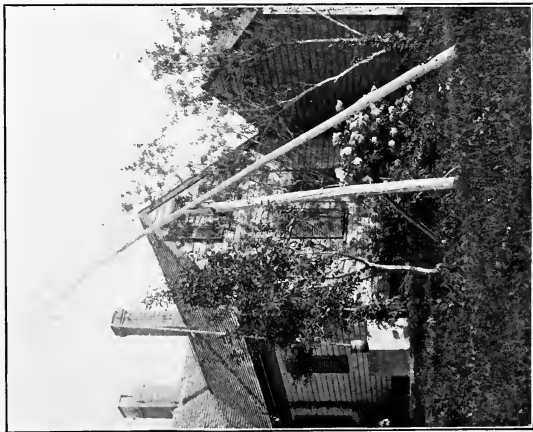
Feb. 19, 1761. Everton Beswick, Scituate, mariner, bound himself in the amount of £100, to Josiah⁴ and Isaac⁴ Lechfeild, Scituate, yeomen, within the term of one year to "Build a House and Settle a family," also "a meeting house," and to settle a minister, to clear the "ways" and build bridges, etc., on the tract of land described in above deed. See deed of Josiah⁴ and Isaac⁴ L. to Everton Beswick, in Hampshire Co. deeds.

Nov. 3, 1766. Everton Beswick, Chesterfield, yeoman, for £6, to Josiah⁴ and Isaac⁴ L., Scituate, yeomen, lot No. 28, in Chesterfield, about 70 A. in that part known as the "Hingham Propriety." Ack. same day.

Josiah⁴ Litchfield married in Scituate, July 4, 1732 (int. June 3rd), Susanna Morey,* born in Boston, Dec. 21, 1713, daughter of Edmund† and Sarah (Ewell) Morey.

* The story is told by one of Susanna's descendants that, like many other women of her day, she could neither read nor write; but once, when she was about sixty years old, after being obliged to sign some document or legal paper with her "mark," she exclaimed: "Oh, it makes my Scotch blood bile to do that." She then vowed by crooking her arm that she would never make her "mark" again, and she immediately began to learn to write her name.

† Edmund Morey belonged near Boston, and was probably the son, b. in Dorchester (see Milton records), Oct. 1, 1683, of Daniel and Susanna — Morey (m.



The "Old Oaken Bucket," Greenbush, Scituate, Mass.

Scene of the Poem by Woodworth.

(Deane's Scituate, page 392.)



Monument in First Parish Burying Ground, erected by Scituate people
"Sacred to the Men of Kent who settled Scituate in 1628."

Josiah⁴ Litchfield died at Scituate, Aug. 1, 1787, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, North Scituate, where his gravestone reads: "*Memento Mori** [with death's head] In memory of Mr Josiah Litchfield who died August y^e 1st, 1787, in his 81st year." His widow died† at Scituate, May 6, 1799, and is buried beside her husband. Her gravestone reads: "*Memento Mori* [with

Nov. 8, 1682). (See admn. on estate of Daniel Morey, in Suffolk Probate, vol. xix: p. 19; vol. xxii: p. 88.) About 1722, the name of "Edmond Morry" (the name has various spellings) appears as a witness to a signature in connection with the transfer of some land in Roxbury (see Roxbury Land Rec., p. 24, in Boston Rec. Com. Report, 1884). On Dec. 29, 1710, Edmund was m. in Scituate, by Rev. N. Pitcher, to Sarah Ewell, b. Scituate, Feb. 2, 1687-8, dau. Gershom and Mary — Ewell. They had three daus., viz.: Sarah, b. Boston, Mch. 20, 1711-12, m. Marshfield, May 8, 1740, Samuel Sylvester; *Susanna*, b. Boston, Dec. 21, 1713, m. Josiah⁴ Litchfield (above); and Penelope, b. before 1727 (record not found), m. Mch. 22, 1741-2, at Scituate, David Anderson. (See deeds of this family.) Among the baptisms (Scit. First Church Rec.) by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, are these: "Sarah, Susanna, Penelope Morey, Daughters of Edmund Morey were Baptized 28-8-1722." Edmund Morey (and prob. his wife, also) d. before 1727, as on May 1st, Thomas Rogers (m. Bethiah Ewell) of Marshfield was appointed guardian (Plym. Prob. Rec.) of his niece, Sarah Morey, dau. of Edmund Morey, "late of Boston, dec'd." On Mch. 23, 1737, this guardianship was removed.

Gershom Ewell (father of Sarah), b. Scituate, Nov. 14, 1650, son of Henry and Sarah (Annable) Ewell, had two wives, viz.: 1st, Mary —, and 2nd, Submit —. His will was probated Mch. 19, 1717-18. Children, all b. at Scituate: Bethiah, b. Mch. 3, 1682-3, d. Jan. 23, 1756, m. Thomas Rogers of Marshfield; Mary, b. Aug. 19, 1685, m. Aug. 28, 1707, Thomas Bryant of Scituate; *Sarah*, b. Feb. 2, 1687-8, m. *Edmund Morey* (above); Rebecca, b. Apr. 2, 1690; Gershom, Jr., b. Jan. 24, 1691-2, m. Aug. 28, 1716, Relief Turner (m. 2nd, 1727, John Stetson) of Scituate; Hannah, b. Feb. 1, 1694-5, bapt. Sept. 28, 1712, m. John Stetson of Marshfield; Penelope, b. Apr. 18, 1697, m. Jan. 7, 1724, Isaac Hatch of Scituate; and John, b. June 27, 1699, was m. and had a son, John, who removed to Chesterfield (Deane). Sarah (Ewell) Morey, wife of Edmund, was admitted to the communion of the Scituate First Church, on June 3, 1722 (Church Rec.).

Henry Ewell, father of Gershom, was b. in Kent County, Eng., and came to America in the "Hercules," 1635, at the same time as Rev. William Witherell, pastor of Scituate Second Church. He lived in Barnstable for a few years, after a short stay in Scituate; then, about 1649, he returned to the latter place, where he lived in that part now Greenbush, near the Judge William Cushing farmhouse. A shoemaker, and a soldier in King Philip's war. Married in Nov., 1638, at Green's Harbor by Mr. Winslow, Sarah Annable, b. England, 1622, d. Scituate, in 1687, aged 65, dau. Anthony and Jane Annable. (Authority: Henry L. Clapp). Henry d. about 1681 (date of will). Children: John, bapt. Barnstable, 1640, d. 1686 in Newbury, res. Boston; Ebenezer, b. Barnstable, 1643; Sarah, b. Barnstable, 1645, m. John Northy of Scituate; Hannah, b. Scituate, June 21, 1649, servant of Hester Woodfield (see p. 30); *Gershom* (see above); Bethiah, b. Scituate, Sept. 27, 1653; Ichabod, b. Scituate, June, 1659, m. May 1, 1689, Mehitable Gwinne, had land assigned to him, lived on paternal estate, and had sons in Marshfield; Deborah, b. Scituate, 1663, living in 1681; Eunice, named in father's will; Rebecca, d. Scituate, May 8, 1669.

* *Be mindful of death.* A common inscription on old gravestones, as is also the allegorical figure of the head of Death.

† Scituate town record: "Died, 1799, Widow Susanna Litchfield." In First Parish book: "Died, April, 1799, Widdow Susanna Litchfield."

death's head] In Memory of M^{rs} Susannah, widow of M^r Josiah Litchfield, who died May y^e 6th, 1799, in her 86th year." See family records kept by Capt. Daniel^s Litchfield (Family No. 57), his son.

WILL* OF JOSIAH⁴ LITCHFIELD.

In the name of God Amen — I Josiah Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, being sensible of my own mortality, and being of sound mind after commending my soul into the hands of God and my body to the earth to a decent burial do make this my last will and testament, and as touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in manner following — (viz)

Imprimis — I give to my well beloved wife Susanna Litchfield the use & improvement of one third part of my dwelling house and lot or that third part which she shall choose and one hundred rods of land for a garden spot where she shall choose to take said land and the use of two cows which she shall choose out of my cows and all my household furniture during her natural life. also I give unto her to be procured and delivered unto her by my three sons James, Daniel, & Israel Litchfield, yearly and every year during her natural life one hundred and fifty pounds of good pork and three hundred pounds of good beef and eight bushells of good Indian corn and four bushells of good rye and ten pounds of good sheeps wool & ten pounds of good dressed flax and as much good fire wood cut & brought to her door as shall be sufficient to keep one good fire the year round, and a good horse to ride at all times when she shall choose to ride, and the keeping of two cows well winter & summer and also seven pounds ten shillings in lawful silver money, yearly & every year during her life. and I do hereby enjoin and require my said three sons James Daniel & Israel Litchfield to keep procure deliver and pay unto her in equal proportion or share as is hereby given to her yearly so long as she shall live

Item I give to my beloved Son James Litchfield, to him & to his heirs and assigns forever the one half of my dwelling house and one half of my corn house and half of my old barn to be equally

* Recorded in Plymouth Probate Rec., vol. xxx: p. 207. Dated Dec. 26, 1783. Probated Sept. 1, 1787.

divided unto him. Reserving the use & improvement as is by this my last will given that together with all my part, right & share in the saw mill which I own in partner ship with Mr Samuel Stockbridge, and all my land upon which said mill stands and all my lands adjoining thereunto, with all appurtenances thereunto belonging

Item—I give unto my beloved son Daniel Litchfield and to his heirs & assigns forever, about four acres of land be the same more or less and lyeth betwixt the said Daniels dwelling house and the land formerly belonging to Nicholas Litchfield deceased inclosed with a fence upon which my new barn stands with the said barn standing on the same together with one half of my blacksmiths shop, and one half of my blacksmiths tools and the one half of all my livestock excepting two cows given to my wife, and one half of all my farming utensils & tools & one half of all my money and money or debts due unto me to be equally divided unto him he paying the one half of all my just debts out of the same.

Item—I give to my beloved son Jacob Litchfield to him and to his heirs & assigns forever all the lands and real estate which I am possessed of or own in the town of Chesterfield in the County of Hampshire, that together with thirty pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto him by my son Daniel Litchfield, the one half of the same in one year after my decease, and the other half in two years after my decease with interest at three percent per annum from my death until paid that together with the whole of all my wearing apparell and I do enjoin & require my son Daniel to pay said legacy unto him.

Item—I give unto my beloved son Israel Litchfield, and to his heirs and assigns forever the one half of my dwelling house and one half of my corn house and half of my old barn to be equally divided unto him, reserving the use & improvement as is by this my last will given, that together with one half of my blacksmiths shop and one half of my blacksmiths tools and one half of all my live stock excepting two cows given to my wife, and one half of all my farming utensils & tools, and the one half of all my money and money or debts due unto me, to be equally divided unto him, he paying the one half of all my just debts out of the same.

Item—I give unto my beloved daughter Susanna Litchfield and to her heirs and assigns forever twenty pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto her by son Isreal Litchfield the one half in one year and the other half part in two years after my decease, with interest at three per cent per annum from my death until it is paid—also I

give unto her the use and improvment of one room in my dwelling house suitable for her to live in so long as she shall live unmarried or single, and I do enjoin & require my son Isreal to pay the same.

Item—I give to my beloved daughter Sarah Stockbridge wife of Samuel Stockbridge Junr. to her and to her heirs and assigns forever, twenty pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto her by my son James Litchfield ten pounds in one year, and the other ten pounds in two years after my decease, with interest at three per cent per annum from ye day of my death, until paid—and I do hereby enjoin and require my said son James to pay the same unto her.

Item—I give unto my beloved daughter Penelope Litchfield wife of Ephraim Litchfield to her and to her heirs & assigns forever, twenty pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto her by my sons James & Isreal ten pounds in one year and the other ten pounds in two years after my decease with interest at three per cent per annum from the day of my death, until paid, and I do hereby enjoin & require my said sons James & Isreal to pay the same unto her in equal proportion or share.

Item—I also give unto my three said daughters Susanna, Sarah & Penelope and to their heirs and assigns forever all my household furniture in equal share to be equally divided betwixt them at the decease of my said wife reserving the use and improvement unto her during her life—

Item—I give unto my grandson Francis Litchfield, son of my son Josiah decd. and to his heirs & assigns ten pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto him by my son Daniel Litchfield in one year after my decease, and I do enjoin & require him my son Daniel to pay the same unto him

Item—I give unto my grand daughter Mercy Willcott wife of Zebulon Willcutt and to her heirs and assigns five pounds in lawful silver money to be paid unto her by my sons Daniel & Israel in one year after my decease, and I do enjoin and require them the said Daniel & Israel to pay the same unto her in equal share and proportion.

Item—I give unto my two grandsons Rufus Litchfield & Lot Litchfield sons of my daughter Bathsheba deceased, to them and to their heirs and assigns ten pounds in lawful silver money to be equally divided betwixt them, five pounds to be paid unto Rufus at his arriving to the age of twenty one years old and five pounds to be paid unto said Lot at his arriving to the age of twenty one years old, to be paid unto them severally at their arriving to the age of twenty one

years old by my three sons James, Daniel & Israel Litchfield in equal share, and I do hereby enjoin and require them said James, Daniel & Israel to pay the same, unto them at the age of twenty one years old as aforesaid.

Item — I give and bequeath unto my grandson Luther Litchfield only son & child of my son Lot Litchfield decd. and to his heirs and assigns, one good cow, and six good sheep and twenty six pounds in lawful silver money to be procured, delivered and paid unto him at his arriving to the age of twenty one years of age by my three sons James, Daniel & Israel Litchfield in equal shares and do hereby enjoin & require them the said James, Daniel & Israel to procure deliver and pay the same unto him, if he lives to the age of twenty one years old, if he should not live to that age, then this legacy or gift is not to be paid, but to remain theirs — also that they the said James, Daniel & Israel Litchfield take care of & provide for and bring up said Luther in a decent and christian manner & procure for, instruct and learn the said Luther some suitable trade —

Lastly — all the rest of my estate both real and personal of what name nature or kind soever, I give unto my three sons James Litchfield, Daniel Litchfield and Israel Litchfield in equal shares to be equally divided betwixt them, to them, and to their heirs and assigns forever, they and each of them both jointly and severally, doing, providing, delivering and paying all which is enjoined and required of them, and each of them, both jointly and severally to do procure, deliver, and pay by this my last will & testament — and I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons, James Litchfield, Daniel Litchfield & Israel Litchfield, executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I Josiah Litchfield have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty-sixth day of December Anno Domini 1783.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Josiah Litchfield to be his last will and testament
in presence of us.

Israel Vinal Jun^r.

Nathaniel Vinal

William Vinal

Josiah Litchfield



The bonds required were £400. The sureties were Israel and Nathaniel Vinal, and the witnesses on the bond were Ruth and Deborah Cushing. In Sept., 1787, James^s Litchfield was a farmer in Cohasset. No inventory was filed with the estate papers.

Abstracts from Scituate First Parish records concerning Josiah⁴ Litchfield and family :

Josiah Lichfield & wife Renewed Cov^t & brôt their Son Lott to &c [*i. e.* to be baptized] 5 may 1734

James Son of Josiah Lichfield was Baptized 15 June 1735

Josiah Son of Josiah Lichfield was baptized 5 June 1737

Nicolas Son of Josiah Lichfield was baptised 6 may 1739

Susanna Daug^t of Josiah Litchfield baptized 27 Sept^r 1741

Daniel Son of Josiah Litchfield baptized 9 oct 1743

Sarah Daug^t of Josiah Litchfield baptized 13 oct : 1745

Penelopey Daug^t of Josiah Litchfield baptized 25 oct 1747

Barsheba Daug^t of Josiah Litchfield bap : 9 Sept^r 1750

Jacob Son of Josiah Litchfield bap^t 29 Sept^r 1751

Israel Son of Josiah Litch^{fld} baptized 22 Sept^r 1754

Lot Son of Josiah Litchfield baptized 29 Aug^t 1756

Susannah wife of Josiah Litchfield . . . admitted to Communion 3^d July 1743.

Children* of Josiah⁴ and Susanna (Morey) Litchfield, all born in Scituate :

i. LOT ("Lott")⁵ b. Apr. 23, 1733; bapt. May 5, 1734; d. before 1755.

53. ii. JAMES, b. Nov. 12, 1734; m. Hannah Pratt.†

54. iii. JOSIAH, Jr., b. Aug. 30, 1736; was m.; served in French and Indian war.

55. iv. NICHOLAS, b. Jan. 8, 1738-9; prob. d. unm. before 1783.

56. v. SUSANNA, b. Mch. 24, 1740-1; m. Caleb Torrey.

57. vi. DANIEL, b. Mch. 21, 1742-3; m. Sarah Whitcomb.

58. vii. SARAH, b. Feb. 14, 1744-5; m. Samuel Stockbridge, Jr.

viii. PENELOPE, b. Feb. 17, 1746-7; m. Ephraim⁵ Litchfield.

(See Family No. 74.)

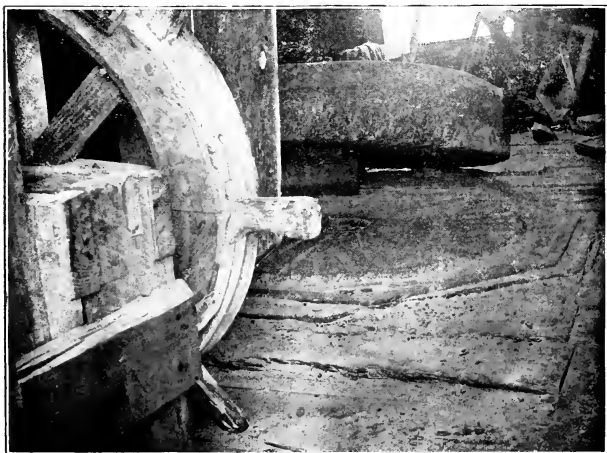
ix. BATHSHEBA, b. Apr. 9, 1749; m. Amos⁵ Litchfield. (See Family No. 66.)

* Morse, in his *Litchfield Genealogy* (1855), has given a confusing account of two of the children of Josiah⁴. *First*, he says regarding Lot⁵ (b. 1733): "Lot, Apr. 23, 1733, whose name was probably changed to Josiah, or Josiah was more probably by a former wife." *Second*, Morse gives a son *Jonah*, b. Aug. 30, 1736, "said to have had Luther." The trouble arose from mis-reading the name *Josiah* as recorded on the town books. There was *no Jonah*; Lot's name was *not* changed to Josiah; and Josiah⁴ had *no former wife*.

† Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* queries: "James,⁵ [born] Nov. 12, '34, m. *Rachel Mansfield*?" The answer is, *he did not*.



The Stockbridge Grist Mill (1656). at Greenbush (Scituate, Mass.).



Original Grindstone in the Stockbridge Mill, Greenbush, Scituate, Mass.

59. x. JACOB, b. Mch. 12, 1750-1; m. Sarah⁵ Litchfield (of Family No. 29).
 60. xi. ISRAEL ("Deacon"), b. July 7, 1753; m. Sarah Cass and widow Fanny Lincoln.
 61. xii. LOT ("Lott"), b. Nov. 16, 1755; m. two by the name of Rachel Litchfield, — the latter a widow.

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NICHOLAS⁴ LITCHFIELD, Jr. (*Nicholas*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹), was born in Scituate, Mch. 10, 1707-8; baptized Sept. 4, 1720. Farmer; served as highway surveyor and constable. Resided in Scituate. (See will of his father, pp. 93-95.) Ancestor of compiler.

He was married at Scituate, Mch. 23, 1737-8 (int. Jan. 7th) to Sarah Studley, born in Scituate, Jan. 18, 1718-19, daughter of James³* and Sarah (Farrow) Studley of Scituate.

DEEDS† AT PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY.

Mch. 23, 1774. Nicholas Litchfield, Scituate, to Benjamin House, Scituate, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. 33 rds. salt meadow in Scituate near Town Harbour. Rec. Apr. 12, 1774. [Vol. lviii: p. 20.]

* James³ Studley was son of Benjamin² and Mary (Merritt) Studley, and grandson of John¹ and Elizabeth Studley, who were in Boston in 1659. The children of James and Sarah (Farrow) Studley (m. Mch. 12, 1717-18), on Scituate records: *Sarah*, b. Jan. 18, 1718-19 (see above); James, Jr., b. Aug. 26, 1720, d. June 23, 1737, bur. Groveland Cem.; Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1725, d. July 28, 1732, bur. Groveland Cem.

Sarah Farrow, b. Aug. 29, 1685, was dau. John and Mary (Hilliard) Farrow of Hingham (Cohasset), and granddau. John and Frances Farrow, also of William and Esther Hilliard. See Hist. Hingham, for full data of Farrow and Hilliard.

Benjamin² Studley, b. Boston, May 23, 1661, d. Scituate, Oct. 13, 1743, bur. Groveland Cem., had one brother, John,² b. Boston, Dec. 8, 1659. Benjamin² m. Mary Merritt (see Merritt footnote, Family No. 13), in 1683, and had the following ch., rec. at Scituate: John,³ b. Dec. 11, 1684; Benjamin, Jr., b. Dec. 7, 1687; *James*, b. July 15, 1690 (see above); Jonathan, b. June 19, 1693 (see Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: p. 225); David, b. Jan. 19, 1696-7 (see footnote, Family No. 27), m. Susannah Vinton; Mary, b. Sept. 23, 1699, prob. m. 1734, Ward Holloway; Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1701; Deborah, b. Dec. 19, 1703, prob. m. 1732, Solomon Bates; and Eliab, b. Sept. 10, 1706. Benjamin² settled in Scituate, in 1680, near Merritt's brook.

Barry's Hist. Hanover gives a Studley coat-of-arms, and says: "Studley is an old English name, found in the county of Kent, and also in Yorkshire, — the seat of the family in the latter county being at Studley Park, near which are the ruins of the celebrated 'Fountain's Abbey,' a famous place of resort for travellers, each one of whom is entitled to 'meat by measure (a quarter of a yard of roast beef for dinner) and a great black jack of strong drink,' on calling for the same. We find two families in New England at an early date, one in Boston, and the other in Sandwich. A branch of each settled in Scituate and have descendants in Hanover." (See Deane's Scituate, also Hist. Hingham.)

† See deeds of Family No. 28, also.

Mch. 27, 1778. Nicholas Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £150, to Amos Litchfield (his son), Scituate, yeoman, a piece of land, including dwelling-house in which grantor lived, also the well thereon. Witnesses: Israel⁵ Litchfield and Lot⁵ Litchfield. Ack. Dec. 3, 1778. Rec. Apr. 12, 1780. [Vol. lx: p. 72.]

Nov. 16, 1778. Nicholas Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £100, to Lothrop Litchfield (his son), piece of land on highway that goes by Daniel Litchfield's and grantor's dwelling-house. Witnesses: Israel Vinal, Jr., and Israel⁵ Litchfield. Ack. same day. Rec. Apr. 12, 1780. [Vol. lx: p. 72.]

Jan. 3, 1788. Sarah Litchfield, widow [of Nicholas⁴], Scituate, for £69: 2s., to Benjamin Bailey, Scituate, 33 A. land near Jonathan Studley's. Abutters: Jonathan Studley, Sarah Studley [daughter of Jonathan], Barnabas Little, and "Lurana" [prob. for "*Irania*"] Litchfield, widow. Witnesses: Israel⁵ Litchfield and Elijah⁵ Litchfield. [Vol. lxx: p. 100.]

Apr. 5, 1789. Sarah Litchfield, widow [of Nicholas⁴], Scituate, for £30, to Samuel Stockbridge, Scituate, 10 A. land near grantee's saw-mill and Mt. Hope. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Sarah Litchfield [prob. dau. of grantor]. [Vol. lxxi: p. 40.]

Nicholas⁴ died about 1780 (see will, following). The date of the death of Sarah, his wife, has not been ascertained, but she was probably living as late as 1798 (see deeds of Family No. 59).

WILL OF NICHOLAS⁴ LITCHFIELD.*

In the name of God Amen. This twenty ninth day of April 1777 I Nicholas Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, calling to mind my own frailty and mortality do make and ordain this instrument to be my last will and testament. principally and first of all I do give my soul to God in Christ to be by him redeemed and saved, and I give my body to the earth to be buried in christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and touching such worldly things and estate whereas God hath blessed me withall in this life, I give and dispose of the same in manner following.

First. I will that all my just debts be paid by my three sons Lothrop Amos & John.

* Recorded in Plymouth Probate records. Dated Apr. 29, 1777; probated Mch. 20, 1780. (Vol. xxv: p. 440.)

Item. I give the use and improvement of my whole estate to Sarah my well beloved wife during her living my widow

Item. I give to my aforesaid three sons Lothrop Litchfield, Amos Litchfield and John Litchfield my whole estate both real and personal to be equally divided betwixt them. I give it to them their heirs and assigns forever they paying the several gifts and legacies hereafter named to be paid by them in equal shares

Item. I give to my son James Litchfield, Fourteen pounds lawful money

Item I give to my daughter Sarah Litchfield the sum of twenty shillings with what I have given her already, which is her equal share

Item I give to my daughter Elisabeth Litchfield the sum of Fourteen pounds

Item I give to my daughter Rachel Litchfield Fourteen pounds I also give to my two daughters Elisabeth and Rachel a living in my house as long as they or either of them shall live unmarried.

Item. I give to my two grand children son and daughter of my son Nicholas one dollar apiece

Whereas I have above given to my wife the use and improvement of my estate I mean that it is to be after my debts are paid, that she shall then take the use and not before

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my two sons Lothrop and Amos to be my executors to this my last will & testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all other testaments or wills by me made Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the date first above written

Nicholas Litchfield 

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Nicholas Litchfield as his last will and testament in presence of us

Samuel Litchfield

Israel Litchfield

John Mott



To all people to whom these presents shall come Joseph Cushing Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills &c in the County of Plymouth within the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England sendeth Greeting Know ye that on the twentieth day of March Anno Domini 1780 the instrument here-

unto annexed (purporting the last will and testament of Nicholas Litchfield late of scituate in said County yeoman deceased) was presented for probate by Lothrop Litchfield & Amos Litchfield the executors therein named; then present Israel Litchfield & John Mott two of the witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that they saw the said testator sign, seal, and heard him declare the said instrument to be his last will and testament, and that they with Samuel Litchfield subscribed their names together as witnesses to the execution thereof in the said testators presence; and that he was then (to the best of their judgement) of sound and disposing mind. I do prove approve and allow of the said instrument as the last will and testament of the before named deceased. . . .

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office the day and year above written

JOS CUSHING

A TRUE INVENTORY of the whole estate, both real and personal of which Nicholas Litchfield late of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, deceased, died seized, appraised by us the subscribers on the 20th day of March A. D. 1780.

Imp — To wearing apparel books & household furniture .	628 : 6—
To provisions £112 : 16 farming utensils £412 . . .	524 : 16
To saddle & bridle £42. To leather £55 : 10 . . .	97 : 10
To live Stock £718 : 10 To Hay £150	868 : 10
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	2119 : 12—
To Real estate	26737 : 10
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	£28856 : 12*

ISRAEL VINAL Jun^r ISRAEL LITCHFIELD JOHN MOTT

Abstracts from Scituate First Parish records :

Nicolas Litchfield j^{ur} Renewed Cov^t in Publick

Sarah Litchfield wife of Nicolas Litchfield j^{ur} owned Cov^t & joined with her husband in offering their Son James to God in Baptism . . .

14 oct : 1739

Lothrop Son of Nicolas Litchfield j^{ur} was Baptized 3 april 1743

Nicolas Son of Nicolas Litchfield j^{ur} baptized privately being Sick . . . 18 May 1745

Sarah Daug^t of Nicolas Litchfield j^{ur} bapt^d 5 Nov^{br} 1749

John Son of Nicolas Litchf^d was baptized 3 Nov 1751

* This sum was an inflated currency, undoubtedly.

Amos Son of Nicolas Litchfield baptised privately being Sick 22 July 1753

Elizabeth Daug^t of Nicolas Litchfield baptised 10 July 1757

Children of Nicholas⁴ and Sarah (Studley) Litchfield, all born at Scituate, and all but the last four recorded on the town records :

62. i. JAMES,⁵ b. Feb. 10, 1738-9; m. Anna Gordon (or *Jordan?*), in 1763, and Elizabeth⁵ Litchfield (of Family No. 39), in 1770.
63. ii. LOTHROP, b. July 31, 1741; m. Rhoda Perry, in 1766.
64. iii. NICHOLAS, Jr., b. Mch. 7, 1743; m. widow Irania Cass, abt. 1765.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 28, 1746; d. young, before 1757.
- v. SARAH, b. Oct. 14, 1748; m. Jacob⁵ Litchfield (See Family No. 59), in 1773.
65. vi. JOHN,* b. abt. 1751; m. Sarah Hall, in 1789.
66. vii. AMOS, b. abt. 1753; m. Bathsheba⁵ Litchfield (of Family No. 28), in 1778, and Asenath Stockbridge, in 1791.
67. viii. ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1757; m. Benjamin Ellms, in 1785.
- ix. RACHEL, b. abt. 1759; named last in father's will; m. Lot⁵ Litchfield (See Family No. 61), in 1777.

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BATHSHEBA⁴ LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate, May 8, 1709; baptized Sept. 4, 1720. Called "Barsheba Litchfield, Jun^r." (to distinguish her from her mother), in her "intentions," July 1, 1732 (Scituate records), to Jeremiah Peirce (Pierce), to whom she was married, at Scituate, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, on Aug. 24, 1732. Jeremiah Peirce,† "cord-

* The "Litchfield Tree," in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Litchfield) Willard, gives *another John*. There has been found no public or private record to substantiate this, but if there were two Johns in this family, one d. young, but which one the compiler is unable to tell, as it is not at present known when either died or how old at death.

† The account of Jeremiah Peirce, in the Michael Pierce Gen. (1889), p. 46, is erroneous and misleading. The name of his wife was *not* "Bathsheba *Littlefield*," and there is no reason for supposing that Jeremiah ever lived in Bristol County, R. I. "Mt. Hope" is still known as part of North Scituate, where there is a cemetery. This Genealogy referred to gives no account of Jeremiah's family. See deeds of Jeremiah Peirce.

wainer," born in Scituate, Sept. 17, 1697, was the son of Capt. Benjamin* and Martha (Adams) Peirce (Pierce), and brother of Benjamin Peirce, Jr. (Family No. 12). Res., Scituate. Bathsheba⁴ received only £2 by her father's will (pp. 93-94), as she had had her share before.

The following deeds are recorded at Plymouth Co. Registry :

June 26, 1726. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, to Nicholas Litchfield. See deeds of Nicholas,³ p. 76.

Dec. 15, 1729. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, for £60, to James Studley, husbandman, Scituate, the share which had been recently granted to father of Jeremiah by town of Scituate. [Vol. xliii: p. 112.]

Apr. 20, 1731. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, for £149, to Ambrose Cole, Jr., Scituate, $\frac{1}{8}$ of all his upland and swamp in Scituate, at Mt. Hope. [Vol. xxxi: p. 160.]

Apr. 20, 1731. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, for £84, to Thomas Peirce, housewright, Scituate, $\frac{1}{8}$ of all his upland and swamp in Scituate, at Mt. Hope. [Vol. xxxi: p. 160.]

June 27, 1732. Joseph Man, Scituate, yeoman, for £660, to Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, cordwainer, *his whole farm*, 27 A., "with dwelling-house and barn thereon, in Cohasset in Scituate," except a wood-lot adjoining land of *William Southworth*; this land had been the property of Thomas Man, father of grantor, and conveyed to the latter by deed, Feb. 24, 1719-20. Witnesses: John Cotton and Mary Cushing. Ack. same day. Rec. June 29. [Vol. xxvii: p. 100.]

(*) Dec. 28, 1736.† Jeremiah Peirce, "cordwainer," Scituate, for £100, to Josiah "Lechfeild, yeoman" (Family No. 28), 12 A. more or less, of land at Mt. Hope, Scituate, "in ye beachwoods," being his

* The will of Capt. Benjamin Peirce, dated Nov. 4, 1729, prob. Oct. 15, 1730 (Plym. Prob. Rec.), contains the following bequest: "I give to my Son Jeremiah two thirds of ye Lands (I have not already Disposed of) lying in ye Beachwoods Joyning to ye patent Line at a place known by ye name of Mount Hope, also ye other two acres I bought of mial [Mial] & John Pierce wch is Salt Meadow.—Moreover I give to my son Jeremiah twenty pounds to bee paid in four yearly proportionate Payments by my son Elisha, one of my executors [the other was his son Thomas]." His inventory amounted to £4467:2s. The children of Capt. Benjamin Peirce: Martha, b. Nov. 14, 1679; Jerusha, b. Feb. 13, 1681, m. Joseph Bailey (see Family No. 31); Benjamin (Family No. 12); Ebenezer, b. Apr. 2, 1686, res. Attleboro; Persis, b. June 6, 1688; Caleb, b. June 12, 1690; Thomas, b. Nov. 14, 1692, m. Mary Booth; Adams, b. June 11, 1695; *Jeremiah* (see above); Elisha, b. Nov. 24, 1699, d. 1770, m. Sarah Edson and Mary Field.

† See first footnote, p. 75.

part of 65 A. held in common with Elisha Peirce, Thomas Peirce and Ambrose Cole, an inheritance from his father, Benjamin Peirce. Abutters: Josiah⁴ Litchfield, Vinal land, Patent line, Jacob Lincoln, Benjamin Peirce, Joshua Newell, and Curtis land. Witnesses: Josiah Man, Thomas Man, Jr. Ack. Feb. 9, 1736-37. Rec. Mch. 16, 1737-8. [Vol. xxxi: p. 210.]

Oct. 16, 1740. Division deed of land (formerly that of Thomas Man) of Jeremiah Peirce and Ensign Man; near Briggs's Pond. Witnesses: Mercy and David Little. Ack. same day. Rec. Feb. 27, 1741-2. [Vol. xxxiv: p. 211.]

Dec. 31, 1748. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, for £22: 10s., to Benjamin Pierce, Jr. (Family No. 12), Scituate, 3 A. Conihasset meadow. [Vol. xxxix: p. 251.]

Mch. 14, 1748-9. Benjamin Peirce, Jr., Scituate, yeoman, for £22: 10s., to Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, cordwainer, the land bought by Benjamin of Jeremiah, Dec. 31, 1748. Witnesses: Ezekiel and Thomas Peirce. Ack. Apr. 7th. Rec. July 22, 1749. [Vol. xl: p. 71.]

Mch. 5, 1753. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, to Ichabod Damon, Jr. (Family No. 24), for £15, 2 A. Conihasset salt marsh. [Vol. xlviii: p. 93.]

May 2, 1757. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, and Bathsheba, his wife, for £201, to Josiah Damon (Family No. 23), 27 A. Scituate land near Isaac Litchfield's (Family No. 34), with bdgs. thereon. Witnesses: Eleazer Litchfield (Family No. 32) and Josiah Man. Ack. by both, Aug. 23, 1759. [Vol. xlvi: p. 59.]

Mch. 24, 1758. James Cudworth, 3rd, Scituate, mariner, for £127, to Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, cordwainer, his farm, 21 A. on Farm Neck, with bdgs., etc. Abutters: John Briggs, Amasa Bailey, Job Bailey, John Cudworth and Ignatius Vinal. Rachel, wife of James Cudworth, released. Witnesses: Thomas Peirce and John Cudworth. Ack. Mch. 27th. Rec. Oct. 6, 1762. [Vol. xlviii: p. 13.]

Mch. 10, 1768. Jeremiah Peirce, cordwainer, Scituate, for £100, to Joseph Cudworth, Scituate, his *homestead lot* of 20 A. upland and salt marsh. Witnesses: David Little, Jr., Barnabas Little, Eleazer Litchfield (Family No. 32) and Joshua Vinal. Signed by Bathsheba, his wife, who made her "mark." [Vol. liv: p. 196.]

There is no record at Plymouth of the settlement of the estate of either Jeremiah Peirce or of his wife. Perhaps they removed to Western Massachusetts.

Children* of Jeremiah and Bathsheba⁴ (Litchfield) Peirce :

- i. CALEB⁵ Peirce, prob. d. young. "Caleb Son of Jeremiah Peirce was Baptised his Parents Renewing Cov^t & bringing him to y^e ordinance 5 may 1734."
68. ii. HULDA Peirce,—“Hulda Daug^t of Jerem^h Peirce was Baptised 6 oct: 1734."
69. iii. MARTHA Peirce,—“Martha Daug^t of Jeremiah Pierce was Baptised 24 June 1739."
70. iv. CALEB Peirce,—“Caleb Son of Jeremiah Peirce was baptized 2 oct: 1743."
71. v. ABNER Peirce,—“Abner Son of Jeremiah Peirce bapt^d 2 June 1751."

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JAMES⁴ LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,³ *Josiah*,² *Lawrence*¹) was born in Scituate, July 12, 1711; baptized Sept. 4, 1720. Resided in Scituate.

[Signature as witness
to a deed.]

James Litchfield

Married at Scituate, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, on June 15, 1732 (int. May 27), to Ruth Tilden, “Jun^r,” born in Scituate, May 20, 1716, daughter of Nathaniel, Jr., and Ruth Tilden.† “Ruth Tilden y^e Daughter of Nath^l Tilden Jun^r was Baptized 5–6–1716 [Aug. 5, 1716].” (Scituate First Parish Rec.)

Ruth (Tilden) Litchfield married *second*, at Scituate, June 12, 1735, Benjamin Bailey, and had several children.‡ She died at Scituate, Mch. 31, 1755, *aet.* 39 years, 10 months.

James⁴ Litchfield died “about 1734” (Morse’s Litchfield Gen.), and certainly before May 10, 1735, the date of his

* The only account found of these children is in the baptisms of the First Parish Church, Scituate. Information is desired of their lives, marriages, children, etc.

† It is known that Ruth Tilden, wife of Nathaniel, Jr. (*Nathaniel*,³ *Joseph*,² *Nathaniel*¹), was a Tilden before marriage; probably her parents were Stephen and Hannah (Little) Tilden. If this is true, then she was a lineal descendant through the Little line of Richard Warren of the “Mayflower” (J. W. Linzee, Jr.; Deane’s Scituate, pp. 353–5). The children of Nathaniel Tilden, Jr. (m. Scituate, Dec. 18, 1700): Nathaniel, b. Aug. 6, 1701; Benjamin, b. May 18, 1705; Ruth, b. May 20, 1716 (see above); Elisha, b. June 14, 1720, all on Scituate town records.

‡ One of the children of Benjamin and Ruth (Tilden-Litchfield) Bailey was *Mary Bailey*, b. abt. 1749, who m. 1778, *Rev. Paul*⁵ *Litchfield* of Family No. 36.

widow's "intentions" to Benjamin Bailey. On Oct. 27, 1735, Nicholas³ Litchfield, his father, was appointed administrator of his estate (Plym. Prob. Rec.), in order, probably, to protect the interests of James's children, but no details of this administration have been found. By the will of Nicholas,³ ample provision (see pp. 93, 94, 95) was made for these children by their grandfather.

Children* of James⁴ and Ruth (Tilden) Litchfield, probably born at Scituate :

- 72. i. ELISHA,⁵ b. abt. 1733; m. Ruth Cole.
- 73. ii. RUTH, b. abt. 1734; d. unm., 1776.

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ELEAZER⁴ LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas,³ Josiah,² Lawrence¹*) was born in Scituate, no doubt, but the exact date of birth has not been found; it was probably in 1715.† Baptized Sept. 4, 20. Resided in Scituate.

Eleazer Litchfield

Eleazer⁴ was one of the executors of the will of his father, Nicholas³ (see pages 92-95), and received, by bequest, the homestead lot on which Eleazer⁴ was living in 1748, including five acres of land, house and orchard. He also received other lands and properties with his brothers.

He served his native town as constable and highway surveyor. It is not known to the compiler that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, although he sent all his sons into it, but he was active at home in all measures pertaining to the participation in it by the town. Deane (page 137) names Eleazer⁴ as one of a committee of eleven, who were chosen by the town, Mch. 17, 1777, to serve as a "Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety." In Oct., 1777, he was chosen one of a large

*The only record found at Scituate of these children, regarding birth or baptism, is the following, from the First Parish book: "James Lichfield & Ruth his wife Renewed Covt & brôt their Son Elisha to Baptism 3 June 1733." Both are named in the will of Nicholas³ Litchfield, pp. 93-5.

† According to Deane and Morse.

committee "to Ascertain all the moneys that have been Raised in town sence the present war [Revolution] Commenced for the support thereof Saving what was Raised by a Tax on the Town." At the adjourned town meeting, in Nov. 1777, the report of the committee was presented and accepted and may be found in the town clerk's book. It closes with the amounts paid as follows: Capt. Barker's co., £297-1-0; Capt. Pierce's co., £375-0-0; Capt. Stetson's co., £233-0-0; Capt. Cushing's co., £286-0-0; Capt. Collamer's co., £220-5-0; total, £1411-6-0.

At this same meeting, Eleazer⁴ was chosen, with forty-four others, "to Estimate the Value of the Real & Personal Estate in Town in order for making a Rate by." (Scituate Town Rec.)

Married at Scituate, Jan. 21, 1741-2 (int. Dec. 27, 1741), Desire White, born at Scituate, Jan. 13, 1719-20, daughter of Timothy* and Rebecca (Symons or Simmons) White. She survived her husband. Eleazer⁴ died about 1780 (see the will).

It would appear from the following deed of division of the real estate of Eleazer⁴ Litchfield, that John,⁵ his third son, had died within a few weeks of his father, for there is no mention of his name in connection therewith, and yet he was a joint legatee under the will of his father. It was probably this John⁵ who served in the Revolution, and he may have died in service. The terms of the deed would also indicate that John⁵

* Timothy White (*Timothy*,² *Gowin*¹), Jr., and Rebecca "Symons" (prob. b. 1679, dau. Aaron Simmons and Mary Woodworth) were m. Jan. 1, 1707-8, and had ch., viz.: Timothy, Jr., b. Oct. 4, 1708, bapt. May 29, 1737, m. Oct. 26, 1732, Sarah Clap; Elizabeth, b. July 18, 1710, m. Jan. 13, 1736-7, Ebenezer Bailey; Abigail, b. June 29, 1712, bapt. Jan. 12, 1734-5, m. Mch. 15, 1735-6, Samuel Emmes; Mary, b. Sept. 9, 1714, m. Mch. 1, 1732-3, Dea. Joseph Bailey; Rebecca, b. Oct. 29, 1717, bapt. June 6, 1742, m. Mch. 3, 1740-1, Dea. Samuel Jenkins; "*Desier*," m. Eleazer⁴ Litchfield (above); Sarah (no date), m. Capt. George Morton, Jan. 1, 1745-6. Timothy, the father, d. 1756, and his son, Timothy, administered on his estate. The inventory amounted to £10586-10-0 ("reduced to lawful money, £1411-10-0"). The homestead was on the road by Joseph Tilden's. On Sept. 29, 1756, a petition for division of the estate was signed by all the heirs. In 1774, Eleazer⁴ Litchfield was admr. on estate of Timothy White, Jr., and in 1785, Ephraim⁵ Litchfield (son of Eleazer⁴) was admr. on estate of Timothy White, Jr.

References: Scituate town and church records; Deane's Scituate; Plymouth Probate records.



"The Old Way" leading from Main Street near Grove Street to the Musquashcut Marshes, with Baptist church.

(North Scituate, Mass.)



Nut trees at Gannett's Corner left as "full grown" by Thomas Tilden Bailey when he cleared the land for his houselot in 1823.

(North Scituate, Mass.)

left no heirs. This deed* shows the holdings in real estate of Eleazer⁴ :

The following deed of division made and concluded upon this twenty-third day of December Anno Domini 1780 between Ephraim Litchfield, Charles Litchfield, Job Litchfield and Eleazer Litchfield all of Scituate in the County of Plymouth, Yeomans being heirs to the estate of Eleazer Litchfield late of Scituate aforesaid, deceased, as may fully appear by the said deceased last will & testament witnesseth, that we the parties aforesaid have and do by these presents mutually make the following division and partition of said estate left us aforesaid, so that ever hereafter each of us may hold and enjoy his part or portion thereof in severalty viz.: That Ephraim Litchfield shall ever hereafter hold have & enjoy as his quater part of said estate, quantity and quality considered, the whole of the Cudworth place so called containing about forty acres be the same more or less. Also about two acres of cedar swamp near Studley's neck in common and undivided with Thomas Litchfield land, also about two acres and a half of salt meadow in common & un-divided with Thomas Litchfield meadow by name of Ellmes & Horse Island meadow. Also the little orchard containing about three acres and a quater adjoining Thomas Litchfields land. Also eight acres of woodland being the southwesterly part of the Tildens land so called, bounded beginning at the southwest corner of said land and running northeasterly with the wall thirty seven rods to a stake, then south sixty degrees east thirty four rods to Thomas Litchfields land, then with said Litchfields & Pickels Cushings land to the first corner, to him the said Ephraim his heirs and assigns forever together with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging.

And that Charles Litchfield aforesaid shall have hold and enjoy as his quater part of said estate quantity and quality considered all the lands in the Home place on the southerly side of the highway to the northward and eastward of a line beginning at a stake by the said highway near the house and running south twenty degrees west seven rods and eleven links to a stake, then south forty degrees east six rods to stake then south twenty eight degrees & a quater west fifty rods and a half to a stake, then south thirteen degrees west thirty two rods and a half to a stake, then north fifty nine degrees west nine rods to the corner of an old underpinning, then south twenty

* Dated Dec. 23, 1780. Rec. Apr. 9, 1783. Plymouth County Deeds, vol. lxii : p. 44.

degrees west about forty seven rods to Joseph Otises land, containing about twenty eight acres & three quaters. Also about eight acres and four rods of upland lying on the northerly side of the highway aforesaid, lying to the eastward of the following line, beginning at the road the south west corner of the field, the northerly side of the highway aforesaid, and running with said highway thirty nine rods and twenty links, to a stake, then north thirteen and a half degrees east seventeen rods and six links to the end of the wall then north nineteen degrees east thirty six rods to John Vinalls land. Also about five acres of pasture land leaving all the part of the Tilden land not already set off to Ephraim aforesaid to the eastward of the following line, beginning at a stake standing by the highway ten rods and a half distant from the northeast corner of the said Tilden land & running south thirty one degrees west fifty three rods to the land set off before to Ephraim. Also three acres and a half of salt meadow commonly called the Mann meadow lying in common and undivided with three acres and a half of the same meadow hereafter set off to Job Litchfield to be equally divided between them quantity and quality considered, also two acres of Cedar swamp called the Tilden swamp. Also half of an acre of upland near the harbor near Eli Curtiss to him the said Charles Litchfield his heirs and assigns forever together with the privillages and appurtenances thereto belonging excepting as herein after mentioned.

And that Job Litchfield aforesaid shall have hold & enjoy his quarter part of said estate, quantity and quality considered, the whole of the land belonging to said estate at the Great Glade Island containing about thirty one acres. Also about twenty acres of pasture land lying in common & undivided with Josiah Damons land called the Clapp land. Also three acres of the Plain, so called adjoining the northerly part of William Colliers land. Also one acre of salt meadow lying in common & undivided with John Vinalls meadow at the Glades, also the remaining half of the Man meadow so called in common and undivided with the meadow herein before set off to Charles Litchfield, also one acre & a half of cedar swamp lying in Dry swamp, so called, lying in common and undivided with one acre & a half of the same swamp hereinafter set off to Eleazer Litchfield to be equally divided between them quantity and quality considered, to him the said Job Litchfield his heirs & assigns, forever together with the privillages & appurtenances thereto belonging.

And that Eleazer Litchfield aforesaid shal have, hold & enjoy as his quarter part of said estate all the remaining part of the Home

place on both sides of the highway aforesaid, also all the remaining part of the Tilden land so called, also all the remaining part of the cedar swamp in Dry swamp so called, in common with Job as aforesaid also five acres of salt meadow lying in common and undivided with Thomas Litchfield's meadow called the Cowing meadow, to him the said Eleazer Litchfield his heirs and assigns forever, together with the privillages & appurtenances thereto belonging.

N B The dwelling house barn corn house & shop which stand on the shares heretofore set off to Charles Litchfield & Eleazer Litchfield remain undivided & when divided to be divided equally between Charles Litchfield Job Litchfield and Eleazer Litchfield aforesaid or their legal representatives.

In testimony whereof, we have hereto set our hands & seals this twenty third day of December Anno Domini 1780 as first mentioned.

Signed sealed

and delivered

in presence of

WILLIAM TURNER

SARAH VINAL.

EPHRAIM LITCHFIELD [seal]

CHARLES LITCHFIELD [seal]

JOB LITCHFIELD [seal]

ELEAZER LITCHFIELD [seal]

DEEDS* OF ELEAZER⁴ LITCHFIELD.

Mch. 27, 1751. Deed of partition of Eleazer⁴ Litchfield and Thomas⁴ Litchfield, of two parcels of land given them by their father, Nicholas,³ in his will (see pp. 92-94), one parcel of 101 A., the other, 29 A.; Thomas⁴ to have the westerly part, and Eleazer⁴ the easterly, including the "Little Orchard." [Vol. xli: p. 222.]

Mch. 6, 1752. Eleazer⁴ and Thomas⁴ Litchfield, for £28: 6s.: 8d., to Ebenezer Mott of Scituate, 4½ A. land in Scituate, near land of said Mott. Witnesses: Thomas Clapp and Abiezer Turner. Ack. Mch. 9th. Rec. May 21, 1755. [Vol. xliii: p. 120.]

Mch. 18, 1758. Eleazer⁴ and Thomas⁴ Litchfield, for £113: 6s.: 8d., to Isaiah Stodder of Scituate, 25 A. in the "Beach Woods," Scituate. Witnesses: Caleb Torrey and Caleb Torrey, Jr. Ack. May 22nd. Rec. Apr. 2, 1760. [Vol. xlvi: p. 41.]

June 8, 1758. Eleazer Litchfield, and wife, Desire, for £75: 13s.: 4d., to Benjamin Man, Jr., of Hanover, land in Hanover (prob. owned by Desire). Witnesses: Nathaniel Clap and Ephraim Litchfield. Vol. xlv: p. 71.]

Jan. 18, 1760. Eleazer Litchfield of Scituate, for £53: 6s.: 8d., to Thomas Curtis, Scituate, one half of about 14 A. land known as the

* From Plymouth County Registry. See also Family No. 38 (deeds).

Man's Lot, in "Cohasset," in Scituate. Witnesses: Barnabas Little and David Little. Ack. Jan. 21st. Rec. July 9th. [Vol. xlv: p. 117.]

Mch. 1, 1760. Michael "Vicarss," Scit., "comber," for £8, to Eleazer Lichfield, Scit., 3 A. land and dwelling house of grantor, on road from Stockbridge's mill to Joseph Hayden's. [Vol. xlv: p. 52.]

Mch. 19, 1764. Indenture between Samuel Holbrook and Eleazer Lichfield, both of Scit., in the sum of £36: 10s., for two years, on 6½ A. land in Scit. [Vol. xlix: p. 36.]

May 18, 1767. Samuel Holbrook, Scit., and wife, Sarah, for £7, to Eleazer Lichfield, 6 A. cedar swamp in "Flat Swamp," given to Holbrook by his father, Samuel, deceased; of which 3 A. had been granted to his grandfather, Samuel Holbrook, in 1699. [Vol. liii: p. 179.]

Nov. 22, 1771. David Little, Jr., Scit., gdn. to Thomas Clap, Scit., *non compos mentis*, for £216: 12s.: 4d., sells to Josiah Damon (Family No. 23) and Eleazer Lichfield, both of Scit., in order to pay Clap's debts, 39½ A. 20 rds. land in Scit., bounded by land of Ebenezer Pincin, John Ewell, Thomas⁴ Lichfield, James Merritt, Israel Vinal, Benjamin Clap, Eli Curtis, and on highway from Pincin's to John Clap. Esther, wife of Thomas Clap, released. [Vol. lvi: p. 260.]

Dec. 9, 1771. Benjamin Jacob, Scit., for £63: 6s.: 8d., to Eleazer Litchfield, Scit., 19 A. 16 rds. land, an undivided fifth part of 95 A. 80 rds. of land held in common by grantor with Ruth⁵ Litchfield (Family No. 73), Benjamin Bailey, Mary Bailey [m. Rev. Paul⁵ Litchfield], and Ruth Dwelly, wife of Samuel, near land of Elisha⁵ Litchfield (Family No. 72). Abutters: John Garrett, Daniel Jenkins, Pickels Cushing and Elisha⁵ Litchfield. Also grantor's interest in "Town Cedar Swamp." Mary, wife of grantor, released. [Vol. lvii: p. 14.] See deeds below.

Apr. 6, 1772. Mary Bailey [m. 1778, Rev. Paul⁵ Litchfield], Scit., "spinster," for £66: 13s.: 4d., to Eleazer Litchfield, 19 A. 16 rds. undivided land with Thomas,⁴ Ruth,⁵ and Eleazer⁴ Litchfield. [Vol. lvii: p. 14.] Compare previous deed.

June 20, 1774. Ruth Litchfield (Family No. 73), Scit., for £70: 18s.: 8d., to Eleazer L., and Thomas⁴ L., 19 A. 16 rds. land, undivided, as indicated in deed (above) of Dec. 9, 1771. Witnesses: Ward⁵ Litchfield (of Family No. 36) and Roland⁵ Litchfield (of Family No. 36). [Vol. lviii: p. 91.]

May 31, 1779. Deed of division of land, pasture and woodland, between Eleazer⁴ and Thomas⁴ Litchfield. [Vol. lx: p. 155.]

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